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From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Wednesday, March 30, 1870.

A charter for New-York City has finally passed the lower House, and by an almost unanimous vote. It is not the best that could be devised, it is certainly better than anything that the respectable portion of the citizens of New-York had reason to expect from this Legislature, and will enable the people of that City hereafter to secure a good government by simply taking an interest in municipal elections and controlling their vote on one candidate—the Mayor—who is to be made responsible for the proper administration of all the Departments. As already announced, the new charter had been made the special order for this morning immediately after the reading of the journal. It had been prearranged that the charter should be put through its final passage before adjournment, and an engrossed copy of the document had already been prepared and reported by Mr. FLUMMERFY, the Chairman of the Engrossing Committee. The Speaker directed the strict enforcement of the fifty-seventh rule, and all permits to the privileges of the floor were summarily revoked for the day. The galleries, however, were densely packed, and apparently by friends of the bill. Mr. TWEED was the only Senator who came down to look after the fate of the charter, and after ascertaining that it was safe he retired and left it in the hands of his friends.

THE CURTAIN RISES.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. SERAGUE, a motion was made that the reading of the journal be dispensed with, which was carried. Speaker HYDEMAN then announced the special order to be the bill to reorganize the local Government of the City of New-York. Mr. KIERNAN moved that the special order be postponed. He proceeded to say that last week a caucus of the New-York delegation was held at which it was agreed.

Mr. FIERNS here rose to a point of order—that the gentleman had no right to divulge on the floor of the House the proceedings of a caucus.

The Speaker decided the point of order well taken. Mr. BURNS having, in the meantime, put in a denial that the caucus agreed upon anything, he, together with others, having, as he said, withdrawn and refused to be bound by it.

Mr. KIERNAN then asked, as a matter of justice, that the bill be postponed until a caucus of the New-York delegation, called for this evening, should be held.

Mr. FIERNS again called the gentleman to order, and moved the previous question on KIERNAN's motion to postpone. Considerable confusion ensued. KIERNAN several times tried to speak, but was called to order; the previous question was ordered, and the motion to postpone was lost by a large majority.

THE CHARTER IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Speaker then called Mr. FLAGG to the chair, and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the special order. After the Clerk had read the first section of the new charter, Mr. FERAS moved that the Committee rise and report progress on the bill, and ask leave to sit again. Mr. KIERNAN rose to a point of order, his point being that such a motion as that of FERAS could not be made at this time with a view to a subsequent motion to disagree with the report of the Committee and order the bill to a third reading. The Chair decided the point of order not well taken, and FERAS's motion was carried.

THE COMMITTEE RISE.

The Committee then rose and the Speaker resumed the chair. Mr. FERAS now moved that the House disagree with the report of the Committee and that the charter be ordered to a third reading, and on this motion he called the previous question. Amid great excitement—during which PETER MITCHELL undertook to instruct the Speaker in his duty, and was sarcastically informed that the Speaker would hereafter take his directions from the gentleman from Rockland (laughter)—the previous question was ordered by a vote of 71 to 32.

MEMBERS EXPLAIN THEIR VOTES.

On the call of the roll several gentlemen took occasion to explain their vote. Mr. HUSTED said he had read the new charter and he believed it to be a good one, and he furthermore believed that it was the only thing invited discussion. He was therefore opposed to the gag of the previous question, and voted no. JACOBS took similar ground and also voted no.

THE CHARTER ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

The yeas and nays were then called on ordering the bill to a third reading, and it was so ordered by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Ainsworth, Allabaugh, Alvord, Baker, Baldwin, Banker, Banks, Bennett, Bennett, Bogardus, Burns, Burrell, Campbell, Cole, Clark, Cook, Cole, Collins, J. T. Davis, J. T. Davis, Decker, Dowling, Dodge, Drake, Ely, Empie, Fields, Flagg, Flummerfy, Forward, Frank, Fuller, Gaillard, Gilbert, Gilhooley, Baker, Hennessy, Howlett, Horton, Howe, Hull, Husted, Jacobs, Jarrod, Johnson, Jones, Kilbourn, Kreek, La Morse, Lansing, Littlejohn, Lyon, Mar, Martin, Martin, Mandeville, McGuire, McMahon, McKinney, W. D. McKinney, Mackenzie, Nelson, Northrup, O'Donnell, O'Keefe, Parker, Patrick, Payne, Perkins, Pomeroy, Pinkney, Ransom, Ray, Roberts, Rosen, Schlegel, Seward, Sherman, Silvernail, Smith, Spencer, Stewart, St. Stevenson, Sturgis, Sweet, Tabor, Van Slyck, Van Steenbergh, White, Williams, Wilson, Woods, Young—81.

NAYS—Messrs. S. S. Brown, V. P. Brown, Cornwall, Fleming, Fleming, Fuller, Gaillard, Hitchcock, Kinne, Lowery, Maddox, Markham, Hughes, Irving, Murphy, Sisson, Sumner, Walker, Wright—21.

Several members wishing to be excused from the five-minute speeches for or against the charter, Mr. SEYMOUR (Republican) said that during the three years he had been a member of the House he had supported the Commissioners now existing in New-York, simply because of the obnoxious features of every measure that had been proposed as substitutes for them. At the same time he had no part in the creation of those Commissioners, and he was opposed to them on principle, and believed they had been injurious to the Republican Party of Red City. Now, we had presented to us a charter for New-York, which was, in his opinion, the best, by all odds, of any yet offered, and would produce a better government in that City than had been seen for years. He therefore cheerfully gave it his support.

Mr. JACOBS, Democrat, said that inasmuch as a majority of the New-York delegation and of the House had decided by the vote on ordering the previous question that it was the wish of the party that a short time should pass, he should vote for it, although he had not read it and did not know what its provisions were.

Mr. KIERNAN, Democrat, said he supposed the vote was already cast and the bill was bound to pass the House. He was not opposed to it as a whole; there was some amendment to be demanded to make it to which would, in his opinion, make it more acceptable to both parties. He knew there was an alliance existing between members of both parties to put the bill through in its present shape, and he could only submit to the power of the majority and content himself by voting for it.

Mr. FRANKLIN, Republican, voted no because he had not had time to read the charter, and he intended to bring it to bind on my bill.

Mr. HOWLEY thought the charter a good one, and for that reason he supported it. He believed that the Mayor, who will be like the appointee under the charter, would not dare to remove from office good men, who would be appointed by the better class of citizens of both parties.

Mr. LANSINGH, Republican, believed that the proposed Party had been in error in proposing to the City of New-York the system of Commissioners appointed by the Legislature, and that since they reversed their action the better course was to allow leading Republicans to remain in office under Commissioners, and that he had told him that it was as acceptable to any that was likely to pass the present Legislature. He, therefore, acting under the best light he had on the question, he voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BANKS, Democrat, said he voted against the bill when it came up last week because it did not write into it one bill of the New-York Commission. But the bill was amended in the Senate so as to include all the Commissioners, and therefore he should support it. He wished to call the attention of the gentlemen who cracked the whip over the members of the cheese-press Democracy" (laughter) to the fact that a case in this House had William and the Tax Commission and the Tax Commission for New-York. On between the round, he found that every Democrat from that City that voted for it was a "Constitutional." It did not lie in the mouths of those men to accuse country members of maintaining New-York Commissioners.

Mr. KIERNAN explained that the "Commissioners" referred to were appointed by the local authorities, which made all the difference in the world.

Mr. FERRIS thought was the last to explain his vote, but he did by saying that he was elected on the issue of a repeal of the Commissioners, and he voted for every bill that was introduced in the House with that object. He had examined the provisions of the present charter, and found that it had abolished all the Commissioners, but was, in his opinion, the best charter, as a whole, that had been presented.

FINAL PASSAGE.

Mr. TWEED, who had thus far engineered the measure by its second progress, and made all the motions by which it was pushed ahead, now finished up the job by moving that it be put on its third reading. The motion was carried by a vote of 91 to 11; and as the yeas and nays were called on the final passage of the bill, the remnant of the "Young Democracy" who had fought stubbornly up to the last ditch, now seemed to have had enough, and, after exchanging a few words with the New-York delegation, with the exception of Col. MURPHY, were finally recorded in the favor. MURPHY was unanimously voted the only plucky and consistent man of the entire party. KIERNAN, in finally recording his vote for the charter, took occasion to express the hope that the day had passed that the dark clouds that had overhung Democracy of the City and State would now be dispelled, and the party would once more move on in harmony. SHAW, Democrat, said he proposed a seat next to KIERNAN, considering him his friend from New-York, and he was glad to see that seat occupied. He took away so many of the children of Israel and brought them all back again. By the time the roll was called through the House had warmed their into the best of humor, the hatchet was buried, and everybody was happy. It was then the Clerk announced that the charter had passed by a vote of 110 to 5.

THE GOVERNOR'S CHANCE.

Talking afterwards of the amalgamated bites that prevailed in the Assembly lately, Mr. JACOBS said that he had taken the liberty to inform the Governor that the Brooklyn Police bill now have its third reading. As the Metropolitan Police Commission had been approved by the vote just taken, he was sure he could see no objection to the passage of the bill organizing a Police for Brooklyn.

Mr. WHITE suggested that the passage of a charter for New-York by this House was not exactly equivalent to making it a law, as it had yet to pass the ordeal of the Senate, and be signed by the Governor; but he did not, however, wish to be understood as objecting to the third reading of the Brooklyn bill.

No objection being made, the bill was put in its third reading, and passed by vote of 100 in the affirmative to none in the negative.

THE CHARTER IN THE SENATE.

The new charter will probably be taken up in the Senate on Friday, and the general impression now is that it will pass that body by the old of Senators Allen, Cornell, Norton and Creamer will oppose it to the last, and unless it gets at least two Republican votes it cannot pass.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE ARCADE BILL.

The only item of interest in the Senate proceedings today was the presentation of a unanimous report from the Railroad Committee in favor of the Arcade Railway. The amendments made to the bill in Committee require that the Company shall obtain the consent of a majority of the property-owners on Broadway before making excavations under the sidewalks, and that nothing shall be done to endanger Trinity Church.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

The Senate, in Executive Session, has confirmed the following list of Notaries Public:

Henry W. Cooper, John Lane, Hiram Barney, Alex. Stewart, Rodney Hoffman, Rodney Hoffman, Wm. Leak, Edmund Collin, Jr., Theodore Miller, Edward W. Lee, Henry W. Beecher, Henry Ward Beecher, Jonathan Sammis, Jonathan Smith, Jay, Benjamin McCready, Watson J. Hilgrich, Edward Kinsley.

Probable Action of the Senate on the General Election Bill—Attempted Reorganization of the Brooklyn Water Board.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, March 30.—At the evening session of the Senate the Charter was received from the Assembly, and referred to the Committee on Cities. It will be reported to-morrow morning. The Senatorial branch of the Young Democracy will try to amend it, and failing in that, will probably vote for it as it is, all except Cornell, who will fight it to the last and go down with colors flying, as Col. MURPHY did in the Assembly. The Republican Senators have not decided what course to adopt, but if the Charter does not pass without bitter votes they will probably be had. A caucus of Democratic Senators was held to-night after the adjournment, but nothing was agreed upon with reference to the Charter.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

The General Election bill drafted by Judge WALTERMIRE was considered in the caucus and referred to a Committee to decide what should be done with it.

THE BROOKLYN WATER BOARD.

The bill reorganizing the Brooklyn Water Board was up in Committee of the Whole in the Senate this evening, when GREEN moved an amendment to the clause legislating ARCHY ELLIS out of office so as to retain him, and cast NORTHRUP. The Republican Senators supported the amendment, and it was carried, which so enraged Senator MURPHY that he moved to lay the bill on the table, which was also carried.

Norton's Election Bill—Colored Voters—The Erie War—Further Argument before the Railroad Committee.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

ALBANY, March 30.—The bill introduced today by Senator M. NORTON provides for the repeal of all laws compelling registers or inspectors of election to require colored voters to take an oath different from that required of white voters. It also provides that colored men shall be naturalized and challenged in the same manner and for the same causes as white men, and the registers and inspectors shall not reject a colored man's vote, except for the same causes for which it is their duty to reject a white man's vote. A violation of the act is made a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of $500 and six months' imprisonment. The bill was introduced yesterday, and any registering or attempting to act as registers, inspectors, canvassers, commissioners, or in any capacity as an officer of elections, by imprisonment in the State Prison for five years.

THE ERIE ARGUMENTS.

Mr. BURT appeared before the Assembly Committee on Railroads today, and repeated in substance the argument he made before the Senate Committee last week for the repeal of the act of 1869, authorizing the classification of railroad directors so far as it affects the Erie Road. Mr. THOMAS G. SHEARMAN, of New-York, as counsel for the Erie Railway managers, replied. He criticised the professional conduct of Mr. BURT in appealing in the mingled capacities of counsel and citizen, and denied on his own personal knowledge, some of Mr. BURT's statements about the financial management of the road. But even if all the charges made against Messrs. FISK and GOULD were true, they furnished, he said, no reason for repealing the act of 1869, which had been passed to protect the interests of New-York by giving a degree of stability to the management of the railroads, and thus strengthen them against hostile combinations, and which must be continued in force for the interests of both the City and the State of New-York. In the case of RAMAY against the Erie Railway, FISK, GOULD and others, Judge PARKER has just filed his decision denying the motion lately argued before him at Owego, where FISK and GOULD asked to personally enjoin the plaintiff's proceedings; and also denying the motion to vacate the order procured by the plaintiff for the examination of A. S. DIVEN.

SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

Recent Legislation with Regard to Them Denounced.

Mass-Meeting at Cooper Institute.

Addresses by Peter Cooper, Rev. Wm. R. Dodge, Rev. H. W. Beecher, Rev. Dr. E. H. Schenck, Rev. Simon Brecher, and Others.

The great hall of Cooper Union was filled last evening by an assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, who had assembled to listen to addresses on the general subject of sectarian schools.

The stage was occupied by clergy and laity in considerable numbers, prominent among whom were Mr. Peter Cooper, Hon. Wm. E. Dodge, Rev. H. W. Beecher, Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, D. D., Rev. Dr. S. I. Prime, Mr. Jackson S. Schultz, Rev. Dr. Crosby, Rev. Dr. Booth, Samuel Willets, Rev. Dr. Tyng, Jr., and others.

Mr. PETER COOPER presided, assisted by a large number of Vice-Presidents and Secretaries.

ADDRESS OF MR. COOPER.

Mr. PETER COOPER, on taking the chair, made a few remarks explanatory of the object of the meeting. He said: We have met, my friends, to consider a subject of unmeasured importance to our City, our State and nation. The subject for our consideration will be the means necessary to preserve, protect and perpetuate in purity our glorious system of public and general education. What interest is there, my friends that can compare in importance with a system that provides instruction for every class of the community in all these branches of knowledge that are so indispensable to enable the rising generation to know their rights, and perform those duties that devolve on every American citizen. We cannot, my fellow-citizens, too highly appreciate the importance that the price of our liberties is perpetual vigilance. We will do well to remember that even the sincerity of those who desire to break up our system of public instruction, is no evidence of their wisdom nor the correctness of the principles they advocate. As Paul the Apostle, must have been equally honest and sincere when he verily believed that he was doing good service by hating men, women and children to prison and to death. I trust, my friends, that every sect and party in our City will rise as one man in defence of providing for the poor as well as for the rich. It is now about forty years since I was first elected a member of the Common Council of this City. At that time a number of the wisest and best men of this community had become convinced that the private schools and the charity schools, that had been tried and were found to leave a large mass of the children to grow up in entire ignorance—at that time those noble men presented a petition to the Common Council asking for a tax on all real and personal property of the City for an amount sufficient to provide for a sentinel system of public and general education. Those men saw the necessity there was that provision should be made for the children of some three or four hundred thousand foreigners that are annually landing in our City to be educated in our City, and to be encouraged to mingle with the mass of our children, and imbibe love and respect for the institutions of our country. This they should do, instead of growing up in class and fighting one against another, as they were then in the habit of doing, even at that early day. I, in my practice, I trust, will never again disgrace our City.

He then presented the resolutions, which were read and received with tumultuous applause. They are as follows:

Whereas, It is a fundamental principle of our whole policy to keep Church and State entirely separate, principle recognized in our National Constitution, and also into every one of our State Constitutions; and

Whereas, It is our profound conviction that the secret efforts of a few, of conscience and of conspiracy, require this separation to be strict and perpetual; and

Whereas, This sound principle has been violated in this State and City, and more than half a million dollars annually of the public money of this City is abstracted from the City Treasury, and given to certain sectarian Churches and denominational schools; thus uniting Church and State, and making the State support the Church; and

Whereas, The union of Church and State, in all ages and in all countries, has led to oppression and blood—therefore

Resolved, Recognizing as essential to the intelligent exercise in a free country of the rights of citizenship, and to the perpetuity of our free and tolerant Government, that every child in America, of every sect, must enjoy an education to all the children as an obligation, and not a charity, and that each child has a right to demand from the State a generous and unsectarian education, that shall fit him to be a citizen of a free and tolerant Republic; and

Resolved, That we enter our emphatic protest against the appropriation of public money or property by City, State or National authorities for the benefit of sects or support of sectarian schools and institutions.

Resolved, That every such appropriation is a violation of the letter and the spirit of our Bill of Rights, and of principles which have been the glory of our institutions in the past, and have been illustrated in the complete separation and independence of Church and State.

Resolved, That any and every religious and private institution to support its churches, sectarian schools or charity institutions by the public money raised by our taxation is, by the laws, uniting Church and State, and is the most bitter, unjust, and tyrannical of all taxations, and the most fatal to the rights of all sects and classes.

Resolved, That every such appropriation of public money is an attempt to take away the free non-sectarian schools of our City, which have been so long and so justly worthy a great Republic—which have given to every child in the State a generous and liberal education.

Resolved, That section 10, Chapter 376 of the laws of 1869, relating to the City of New-York, which in fact, but not in name, appropriates nearly a quarter of a million of dollars annually to a few sectarian institutions of Other Churches, is a violation of the letter and spirit of our Bill of Rights, in violation of the American idea of a complete separation of all religious sects and government, to mete, and to make, respected will at once, and by the strong arm of the law, if need be, be applied, Resolved, That the Legislature be requested and is hereby instructed to repeal the act passed and approved April 12, 1869, and that all who are on the side of the repeal, show what members are for the free public schools and what members are for a State Church and the taxation of the people to the behoofing of religious sects.

When the applause had subsided, Rev. H. W. BEECHER was introduced.

ADDRESS OF MR. BEECHER.

Mr. HENRY WARD BEECHER, on rising, was received with prolonged applause. He said: I heartily sympathize with you in your presence this evening. There has not been recently, so far as occasion which has drawn the citizens together, a more momentous question upon which we ought to act as a column of citizens, understanding the ground on which we stand, with a distinct appreciation of the measures we should pursue. And the danger which we propose to correctively. For we propose to combine, and we propose to oppose the operation of this action in charge for, of which has been foisted into the Legislature of the State in a manner which was not known to the mass of the people, and which, if it be possible, I hope to see to it myself, that there be no chance, either directly or indirectly, to let that which this motion has done, and is now doing, namely, conveying the fundamental principle and nature of the American system of education, by importing upon it the European notions of schools and churches. I say the action in Tweedledee and Tweedledum, that has, it never was made a question before the people, it never was passed by the Legislature in consequence of discussion and an intelligent call from the people to pass such an act as that. It was brought on at the best of the session without being known by most of the citizens, nor when the operations of this section at all comprehended by the great majority of the people, even in this City, where its full operation is felt. I am not here to-night to say one single word against the foreign population, which we have, its just to speak as they are American citizens they cease to be foreigners. When they become our citizens we extend toward them the most generous and fraternal feelings, and say they shall have just exactly the same chances and the same liberties that we have, and we say further that they shall not have one single one more. (Applause.) Nor am I here to play off the merits of one sect against another, for I hold the Roman Catholic sect is one of the most venerable and religious and respectable, and has just the same rights under our republican Government as any of the sects of Protestantism have. We are not disposed to put one burden, or tax or disability of any sort upon them. We are willing to place on any other with which we are severally in communion, and I say if this sectarian act which has been perpetrated upon us and been practiced to the indemnities of the church to which I belong, I would not have felt less indignant against it than I am now, when that sect has influenced the operation of this section on our legislation. Nay, I hold that there are some things that are no longer to be debated, and one is this—that in America, Americans are to be free. (Applause.) I don't say this in a spirit of a kind of extravagant, but I mean it. That what you call American ideas, have a philosophical basis, and they stand for very defined and distinct ideas of government and of policy. I don't speak with thoroughness of European ideas, which make the sentiments of America. I hold the European idea is that of consolidation of Government. The American idea is that of distribution of Government. The design of the European Governments is to include just as many functions as possible in each organ. That of the American is to specialize the functions and to have an organ for each separate function. The European idea is that the Government should take charge of the interests of the State; that the central Government should be centralized with a supreme authority over the many departments of the State. The American is that the central Government should have the least possible power, and that the functions which in Europe are performed by the central power, are here performed by a distribution of several different tribunals. Thus in Europe the Church is included in the state, but we have no such thing in our State. The State has no business with the Church. In Europe the Church is connected with the State, is connected with the Government; and we have no such here. Let the Church take care of religion; let the State take care of civility, and let them not meddle one with the other. We take a great deal of pride and specialization of organs is American, and it is American not in one sense, but because we have accepted it; because we have made it the basis of our State and national policy, and we have found it to be so good that we propose to hold on to it. For we say to the Legislature, if you give the thing of the law, but when that law comes into discussion, the Legislature is not to be permitted to sit in judgment. We have the Judiciary, and when they pronounce their decision, we do not permit the Judge to put on his cap and execute it, but leave that matter to the hands of the Executive. We separate all the functions and give them to different tribunals, and that which we do in State affairs we propose to do, and in the same spirit, through the whole procedure of the State, both in Federal and local affairs. Now the moment you unite national education with religious education, you have made an the American idea. You have undertaken to make the school-house do what should be done by three separate institutions—the family, the Church and the State. The State organizes the school for a political reason, for its own preservation, for its intelligence, for its prosperity. It is the creature of the vote, and the vote must be intelligent. With this view the State is interested in education, but further than that it has no right to meddle. If the school teaches religion, it usurps the place of the State. Now, there is one thing which we have a right, as Americans, to say, and that is that it is dictated to. (Applause.) We are willing to defer to the superiority of the European universities and schools of note. We have been engaged in other work than study—the lifting up of a nation—but when it comes to the organization for the benefit of the Government, we say to Europe, "Stand out of the way; we know more of the matter than you do." We do not object, therefore, that emigrants bring with them their educated notions of free schools, but when they bring European notions of civil policy, we stand on the threshold and say, "Back, back. What is the European patent Government that raised its people to the eminence to which our system has elevated us? We have studied the welfare of the people, and among other things have found out the necessity of intelligence based upon virtue; and in this lies the secret of our national prosperity and individual happiness. Now we don't intend to go back to this. We propose to stand by our Common Schools as we have hitherto done, to guard them against every possible danger, and above all against the danger of the priestly hand. (Great cheering.) Always, and to the last, I think that I have no charge to bring against the great Roman Catholic body which is mainly interested in this change of policy. I do them the credit to say, whoever has brought about this controversy, they have not. In the Syllabus it was announced distinctly that these free common schools under the laws of States and Republics should not be disapproved and denounced. The Roman Catholic journals have put the question in the clearest and plainest possible manner, and they state their determination to overthrow the school system. It is a fair conflict between America and the old Roman Ideas, and while I give much credit for their candor and honesty, it makes our task the easier to meet them and combat them on the tribunal of public discussion. In respect to the merits of this question, let me say in the first place experience has shown that free common schools conducted by Protestant teachers are not alone possible but profitable. The State gives no education, but the citizens themselves, acting through their own government, tax themselves for the education of themselves and their children. In the two countries where education is a gift conferred upon its good subjects with graciousness, but in this country the people are themselves the Government, and they educate their children with the means they provide for them. It is said those free schools bring up an irreligious class of men, but by the Anglican idea of subdivisions of religion, it is done not before you go to religiously educate the child at school. This is done at home and in the Sunday-school, but in reality this whole question is a revival of the old worn-out method of European monarchies, and what has it done there? I am not afraid to compare our people, educated in our common schools, with the people of any nation on the globe, and the American idea, which has resulted in so much good. It is not our intention to change. It is said that the consciences of our foreign brethren demand that there should be religion in public schools, but that we believe is not all they desire. Are we to fill up that yawning gulf deep as perdition—a perverted conscience? (Applause.) It is not against the conscience that the child shall be educated in secular knowledge and religious knowledge, but both sectes shall not use the religion in public schools of the State. Let the priest control their religious education, and let the State govern that portion of their education which fits them for the rights of citizenship. But this is altogether a question of school or no school—of free public school, without sectarian bias; but the arguments to maintain this assertion I reserve to the gentlemen in conclusion, expressed his satisfaction at the spirit of unanimity and enthusiasm evinced on the question, and hoped that the time would never come when the safety of their common school system, unimpaired by sectarianism or bias, was endangered.

ADDRESS OF MR. DODGE.

After Mr. BEECHER had concluded his address, which was listened to with the deepest attention, Hon. WILLIAM E. DODGE was introduced. He said:

Mr. PRESIDENT AND FELLOW-CITIZENS: We have been often warned of danger to our republican institutions if such or such contingencies should happen, that I sometimes fear we become so accustomed to the warning that it may be difficult to excite us to effort when the real danger is at hand. The presence of this great audience this night is a sufficient proof that we need have no fear on this hand. I am impressed with the conviction that we are met this evening in the presence of danger, which, unless they are met and averted, must end in the destruction of our peculiar and cherished Government. It is the glory of our institutions that here every man and every man may worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience—may manage their ecclesiastical affairs just as they please, provided they do not in any way infringe on the rights of others, and do not exercise their peculiar privileges as to interfere with the working of a system which is intended for the good of all. There is no disguising the fact that we have in our midst a sectarian element which in all its past history has been opposed to the education and elevation of the masses, and which claims to be the true and only representative of the religion of our Savior.

Acknowledging ultimate responsibility and allegiance to a distant foreign Power, temporal and spiritual, the great mass of their adherents have come to this country to escape the oppression and poverty of the old. Ignorant and superstitious, they have been educated to rely implicitly on their spiritual advisers and instructors, with little or no knowledge of our peculiar form of government, and, yet, in a very short time, admitted to all the privileges of American citizenship.

Now, if these persons, when thus taken into partnership with us, in this, our inheritance, which we have been toiling for, in by such sacrifices of blood, labor and treasure by our fathers, would become really and truly Americans, bearing all allegiance with the institutions or power of any other country, there would be no danger in our partnership; but we all know the fact that the Roman Catholics in the United States (and by that I mean the Catholics in the United States) are part and parcel of the great Papal power, which has its center in Rome, and whatever they may claim as Americans, they are the subjects of the Pope, and through their priests are bound with chains stronger than iron to the dictates of the Roman Power which in all its past history is utterly opposed to the principles of popular government and popular education. "By their works ye shall know them." We have only to read their history in the past, and look to Spain, Italy and Austria for to see what America would be and will be if they can succeed in destroying our common schools. They come among us, we open our arms and give them welcome; we let them share our freedom and heavy burdens. We throw around them the protection of our laws; we offer them a liberal portion of our soil, and that without money or price; we offer to educate their children free of all cost, with books and facilities of which our fathers never dreamed. We educate them in Christian morality, to give them a sacred respect for truth and honor, a loyal country and to instill into their minds the grand and liberal principles on which our institutions are founded. We would teach them truthfulness, industry, temperance, and never was there at any time more need of teaching the moral law of the Bible—"Thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, thou shalt not covet." We invite them to come and sit down under our vine and fig-tree, our common school, and none shall molest them or make them afraid; but they say, No; you teach our children the Bible, you allow them to read history which may teach them what we do not wish them to know; that our Church, when it has the power, will not allow others to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences—and as you do not pretend to give the children a religious education, we intend to have our children where we can educate them according to the degree of our Church. Forever as if they had been sent there by the Pope, we are to be governed by the strong hand of sectarian influence; and, we demand, therefore, that all other sects shall be taxed to support our Church schools. Now, I ask you, fellow-citizens, is this not so? and do not you all feel and know it? We have paid our money for years, and what they call the Protestant Bible, but which we call the English Bible, being in our schools. If we should offer to substitute the Douay Bible, it would not answer, unless we would at the same time allow their priests to teach it and with it their peculiar dogmas. No! no! it is the influence of our public schools and the demand for a character free from all sectarian bias, the mixing of their children with ours, the tendency of these schools to promote the true type of American character, and the danger that they may break loose from the jurisdiction of Ecclesiastical authority. This is what they fear; they see our schools and the demand of holding their people in one mass and offering them to either political party which would yield most to their demands; they have spent the sum of blood, and are more zealous than ever. They make no secret of their political power. It is in our City triumphant, and they now dare to boast that they will in fifty years secure throughout the country, what they have gained here. They understand well how and when to use that power. And we are met here to see if anything can be done to arouse the City, State and country to a sense of the danger of possible, to avert it. Shall we allow our noble system of free popular schools, supported by all and for the education of all, to be destroyed? for that is the issue. Come let the Roman Catholics make a common fund raised by some tax to go to the support of their sectarian schools and their priests may demand the tax. Only let us be consistent, we will stand by and see this work we have so long cherished, and such as the world nowhere else can boast of, perish. The heart of the American people is true, and when once public attention is fairly drawn to the true nature and danger, there will be such an uprising as will convince the Roman Church the world over, of the folly of their vain boast that within fifty years they will have the control of this country, and that they have reckoned without their host; and we will not be taxed to support any of their sectarian institutions, be it church, school, hospital or nunnery.

ADDRESS OF REV. DR. SCHENCK.

Rev. Dr. NOAH HUNT SCHENCK was then introduced, and he said that he started with a very large-sized indignation; meeting, and, therefore, he night, not inappropriately, take as his text "Be ye angry and sin not." (Laughter.) Such a meeting as this, in this historical place, was suggestive of events in the past history of the country. Nearly a century ago our forefathers determined to show that they would not give money for the support of that in which their sympathies were not interested as citizens. The struggle which then caused gave birth to American independence, and the generations succeeding have had vital questions were met and disposed of with energy and success. The question of slavery was discussed and finally the slaves were freed, and we have now come to consider questions which concern civil rights and religious liberty. The question now under consideration is the question of rights; the kernel of the nut we are to crack is the question of subsidizing the money of a free people for sectarian purposes. We have heard from the resolutions how the Legislature trifled upon the people of the City the measure contained in the bill which was then under consideration by the State, and we want to know how we are affected thereby. There have been abstracted from the funds of the City half a million dollars, four hundred thousand dollars of which have gone for other purposes than to support the public schools. The law making the appropriation is self contradictory in its terms, inasmuch as it makes the money to be devoted to asylums connected with churches, while there is no authority for such distribution of it. The speaker said he was here to-night for the purpose of speaking for all the sects, except the Roman Catholic. An alliance, of which Hon. WM. E. DODGE was the President. This Alliance has laborers in every part of the Christian world. When the call for this meeting was noticed by the officers of the Alliance they determined to co-operate with it by every means in their power. The battle-cry earnestly protested against the introduction of the sectarian wedge which will split asunder our liberties so dearly bought and for which our forefathers struggled to establish in the days of the revolution. It was not his purpose to excite religious prejudice or to encourage bigotry. All he demanded was a fair field and no favor. If it was sought to oppress the Catholic Church he would stand by the side of the oppressed. He gave the Catholics credit for honesty of motive, and said that they were good citizens in the main. The question before us, we are agitating is not that of the Bible in the common schools, but we are here to hurl the lance against the tenth section of this act, which is a stigma on the statute book of the State. No one wants to take the Bible out of the common schools. The Roman Catholics certainly do not want to do so, for it is one of the best arguments they can have against the Protestant school system, which is the point they are driving at. Take the Bible out of the schools to-morrow, and the Catholics would fight the system harder than they ever did before. The Catholics do not want to make the Bible a bone of contention. In God's name let it stay unmolested, and let us devote our attention earnestly in opposition to the efforts that are being made to nullify our Common School system. But if it ever becomes necessary to remove the Bible in order to save the system, let it be done. Let it go first.

After Dr. SCHENCK's address, the Chairman stated that Mr. HIRAM KETCHUM, who had been announced to speak this evening, was unavoidably absent by reason of a severe cold, which confined him to his house. Mr. KETCHUM had, however, sent a written address which would be given to the reporters and published. The letter was to the substance of the remarks which Mr. KETCHUM would have made had he been present:

ADDRESS OF MR. KETCHUM.

Mr. KETCHUM said that the topic which had convened this meeting was not a new one, and to his personal knowledge it had attracted the attention of the public for the last half-century. No subject had been more thoroughly discussed and none better settled by public sentiment than that now under consideration. It was a fundamental principle in the legislation of this State that every child residing within its limits—whether of native or foreign birth, whether white or colored—is entitled, at the expense of the State, to be instructed by competent teachers in the rudiments of an English education to enable him to become an intelligent citizen and to transact the ordinary business of life. Beyond such instruction the State is not bound to go. The French and German languages, and what are called the accomplishments, ought not to be taught at the public expense. The numbers of children of age in the free common schools of the State is 1,600,000, and the amount of money which the State pays for the support of the schools is $10,000,000 annually. Now, if the State raises by tax this vast amount of money the State ought to provide for the expenditure of the same. This the State of New-York has been endeavoring to do, by legislation, continued through a long series of years. It which it has built up the common school system, the crowning glory of the State. It was supposed that every citizen had reason to be proud of the State for her action in this regard. But there is a class of citizens who now tell us that the State must and ought to raise the money for the education of children, but the Church ought to spend the money so raised. They say "the Church can give just as good secular instruction, and moreover can give religious instruction beside." The State replies: "We have great respect for religion, we respect it as a conservative element of society, and will protect every citizen and every sectarian association in the enjoyment of his and their religious rights, but we have no right to tax the people for the support of such institutions, nor derive its support from the voluntary contributions of its own disciples and votaries." These are American principles so well understood that it would seem a waste of time to explain and prove their truth to an American audience. If the State pays for the support of religion, it would seem to follow that it should regulate and prescribe the forms of religious worship and doctrines. This interference would not be submitted to for an instant. The speaker concluded by stating that these very sentiments had been misrepresented and misunderstood in the discussion, and appealed to the public, that they would not be misrepresented in the future.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAM-SHIPS JAVA AND HAMBURGIA.

The Cunard steam-ship Java, from Liverpool March 19 and Queenstown March 20, and the Hamburg-American Company's steamer Hamburgia, from Hamburg March 17 and Havre March 20, reached this port yesterday. The news thus at hand is later by two days than was that received by the City of Brooklyn. Capt. MAYNE, of the Hamburgia, is entitled to thanks for a liberal supply of continental papers.

Bad accounts of suffering come from Palestine, where the drought still prevails.

It is stated that arrangements are being made in Amsterdam for the establishment of a direct line of steam communication via the Suez Canal, between Holland and her eastern dependencies, Java, Sumatra, &c. Prince HENRY of the Netherlands, brother of the King of Holland, is the honorary President of the undertaking.

Figaro says: "The health of Pius IX. declines daily. A foreign prelate, who was recently received in a private audience by the Sovereign Pontiff, was quite shocked by his appearance. 'Alas!' exclaimed the prelate, 'the proverb then is true, "*Non sidebunamus Pare*," ' alluding to the Roman saying that no Sovereign Pontiff can reign longer than St. Peter, who occupied the Pontifical chair during twenty-five years. PIUS IX. is now in the twenty-fourth year of his Primacy. The person who writes to us from Rome has recently been himself received by the Pope, and found him sadly changed. PIUS IX. now sleeps with difficulty; his look has not the vivacity which formerly distinguished it; his voice, low and weak, no longer possesses the sonority of former times. This increasing change causes great anxiety among the official circles, which, however, do their best endeavor to conceal the fact. It is, nevertheless, quite true, and there exist apprehensions at Rome. Our correspondent is the more entitled to credit as he is a man who is profoundly devoted to the Holy See."

CONTINENTAL SUMMARY.

Future Events in Roumania—French Policy Toward Rome—Spanish Matters—The Prince Imperial's Birthday—Royal Events.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, March 18, 1870.

I learned this morning, from a source on which reliance is to be placed, that Roumania is about to become the theater of events which are likely to compromise the peace of Europe. A number of young men belonging to the Principalities, and who have been compelled to seek refuge here on account of their hostility to the Prussian régime, have received information that everything is ready for a rising, and they leave to-morrow to join the movement. If, as I have reason to believe from what I have heard, it embraces all the patriotic elements of the Principalities, Prince CHARLES of Hohenzollern is on the eve of being compelled to pack up his trunks and return to Berlin.

Every one knows how the young Prussian Lieutenant came to reign over the Moldavian-Wallachian Provinces. What is not so well known, however, is the manner in which M. de BISMARCK has been turning to account the installation of the nephew of the future Emperor of Germany.

By the concession of all the lines of railroads, canals, and banks in the Principalities to Prussian companies, a rapid ascendancy has been given to Prussian influence on the Danube, and the haste and unscrupulousness which have been manifested in carrying out this line of policy have not only disgusted all classes in the Principalities, but opened the eyes of France, Russia and Austria to the objects which the

attaining the crown. The text of article 201 of the Spanish penal code is, it seems, so precise in its application to the case that there is no way of getting over the difficulty but by a revision of the clause itself. It says that in the case most favorable to the duellist, that is to say, in the case in which the person insulted has not been able to obtain from the insulter a sufficient explanation or the satisfaction he has demanded, then the insulted party [illegible] unfortunate [illegible] to kill his adversary in a duel is condemned to a [illegible] imprisonment for from four to [illegible] years. [illegible] of at least ten leagues from the spot where the duel has been fought. Moreover, the party committing the homicide is subjected to the surveillance of the authorities, is disqualified for all public employments, and deprived of all political rights during that period.

It is not probable that the Prim Ministry will attempt to override this provision by a decree, such as was issued in Prim's favor, in the case of a similar appeal to the forces for its support. Even Torrero, that faithful adherent of the Duke, has, it is said, abandoned his cause, and therefore the best thing he can do is to follow the advice of his brother and retire to France. It is said that the Duke and Duchess of ALBUCON are contemplating a visit to France, with the intention of the Emperor. The Duke is the son of the Duke DE NAMOUR, [illegible]

THE PRINCE IMPERIAL'S BIRTHDAY.

The Prince Imperial's birthday (Wednesday) was suffered to pass by without the expected general amnesty making its appearance. The event was celebrated merely by some private festivities at the Palace, the young Prince playing the host on the occasion.

ROYAL BRIDES.

The result of the arbitration, to which, at the recommendation of the Emperor, the differences of the ex-Queen ISABELLA and her husband were referred, is that Don FRANCISCO D'ASSIS is to receive a pension of [illegible] a year, first in the Hyeres, where he is to meet and bid good-by to his son, the Prince of ASTURIAS, who is on a visit with his grandmother, Queen ISABELLA.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

Present Condition of the Country—Lawlessness and Misery in all Parts—A City for Shelter—Premiers of the Southern Months.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Saturday, March 12, 1870.

At a meeting of the Friends of Gen. PRIM, the Minister of War said that he saw no grounds whatever for the complaints made against the present state of affairs and the proceedings of the Government, and that, moreover, all things considered, the Spanish nation had reason to be thankful for the results to which the revolution has led.

If we consider as the *ne plus ultra* of benefits derived from a revolution, that of being no more exposed to being seized at 3 in the morning by the Police, and thrown into a frightful dungeon, whence to emerge at the end of forty, or fifty days, half dead and half blind, without having the slightest suspicion of the crime committed, and without having seen a single Judge—if, I say, we consider this as the greatest blessing that can accrue from a revolution, then Gen. PRIM is right; for since the revolution no Minister, Judge or man in authority whatever has the right to enter a public dwelling without a warrant signed by a responsible Judge, bound to examine the prisoner within seventy-two hours, and to order him to be imprisoned or set at liberty at once, under a penalty of one thousand duros and the loss of his post; but this benefit, even enhanced by religious liberty, cannot compensate for, still less counterbalance, the long list of ills that Spain continues to suffer from.

Loans are contracted, as before the revolution, in the most secret manner possible. Where does the money go? To what purposes is it devoted? Where are the documents proving that it has been expended in the interest of the nation? There is not one Deputy, excepting Señor VIGUEROLA, who has any knowledge of these facts. Notwithstanding, nobody is ignorant of the fact that there is not a single real in the Exchequer, and that Señor VIGUEROLA has appropriated the last resources of the nation to meet the impending dangers of this Summer. As to authority, it is not more respected than under the Monarchy—that is to say, it is set totally at defiance. The law has become an instrument of party passions, instead of the faithful executor of justice.

At present, as before, numberless Prefects and municipal officials have retired from their posts in despair of ever enforcing the respect due their rank. The Magistrates, whose dignity seems to be on a par with that of a linen-draper's assistant in other countries, are in continual trepidation for their very lives. It was only three or four weeks ago that the Minister of War sent to the Canary Islands six superior officers who were openly conspiring against the Government, and to the Balearic Islands six others, accused of intrigues with the Alphonsists and the Isabellists.

The enumeration of these facts is, I think, a sufficient proof of the ills to which Spain is still a martyr, from a political point of view, at least. Let us, then, glance at the social condition of this unhappy country; the same grievous defects are manifested. How can Spain be said to be rapidly improving even on this one point when, in a town like Cordova, a band of robbers carry on their depredations with an audacity only to be accounted for by the impunity with which they are allowed to plunder, murder, and then escape, and when forgers and coiners of commercial money are practising their craft in broad daylight, under the very eyes of the Police.

The Constitution, framed by the lawful representatives of the nation, proclaims the Monarchy, and yet the Republicans hold their meetings and discuss at their clubs, every opposition day and night, and hide no longer their intention of opposing by force the decision of the Cortes concerning the election of a Sovereign. The Carlists, on the other hand, are doing everything in their power to destroy national representation and the power of the masses.

Now, then, I repeat, can we say that all is well in presence of the lamentable instances I have cited and to which could be added the shameful acts of disorder which attended the elections at Calatayud and at Segovia, and the brigandly raids, which the tax-collectors find themselves at doing duty, accompanied by an armed escort?

I have not spoken of the thousands of laborers without work, and consequently without bread, and enduring the most heart-rending sufferings. This is only another of the countless evidences that Spain is little better off than she was before the revolution, and most certainly a prey to greater agitation and disorder.

There is now in Spain one universal clamor for the substitution for the present Government of one more stable, more conscientious, and more capable of adhering to the principles of the revolution.

It has been found impossible to come to any understanding on the subject of the organic laws. They will, therefore, be discussed at length in the Cortes, and the election of a Sovereign will be deferred until October or November next. All things considered, this Summer promises to be a most eventful one in the annals of Spain.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Gladstone and the Irish Land Bill.

At a special meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin, held on the 21st inst., the Lord Mayor in the chair, resolutions regarding the Irish Land Bill were drawn up, and directed to be forwarded to the Prime Minister. The resolutions expressed the desires of the Council to declare that it viewed with misgivings and apprehension the compromise and mutilation, though well-intentioned, proposed by the Government. The Government will, if passed in its present state, weaken the relations between landlord and tenant without touching the great evils of insecurity of tenure and liability to capricious eviction. Further, it was stated that the Bill, in the opinion of the meeting of inadequate legislation on this all-important subject, it would have been better for the peace and happiness of Ireland that no such attempt had been undertaken, if the subject were not to be dealt with.

The following is the reply of Mr. GLADSTONE:

No. 10 DOWNING-STREET, WHITEHALL, March 27, 1870.

MY LORD MAYOR: I have received with sincere regret your Lordship's letter of the 24th, and the inclosed resolutions of the Municipal Council of Dublin, which declare that the provisions of the Land Bill now before Parliament will additions lay embitter the relations between landlord and tenant and will practically leave as they are the evils of insecure tenure and liability to eviction.

I can myself [illegible] evidence being now adduced with so much [illegible] the landlord, the inducement to it [illegible] practically introduced when it comes to be condemned with a charge which may [illegible] eral, and in a large class of cases, to [illegible] rent of the farm. The resolutions of the Municipal Council do not specify the provisions which they desire to see introduced into the bill. I can therefore only say that the Government will be most ready to propose or adopt any amendment which may be shown to conduce to the completeness and efficiency of the measure, but that they do not see in what manner the plans delivered [illegible] of rents by public authority, could be rendered [illegible] of her with my [illegible] the rights of property, or with the [illegible] of the people of Ireland, and [illegible] deprive development of her agricultural industry. I have the honor to be, my Lord Mayor, Your most faithful and obliged servant,

W. E. GLADSTONE.

The Case of the City of Boston in Portugal.

In the House of Commons March 17, Sir J. PAKINGTON said: [illegible] the question which [illegible] to my name on the paper. I wish to [illegible] this morning from the Foreign Office, [illegible] application by another, of which I have given the honorable gentleman notice. I wish to ask whether all communication as was are reported to the Board of Trade, and whether the honorable gentleman is aware that [illegible] the 1st of January last the steam-ship has been lost, seven of which [illegible] were with great loss of life, and that most of these casualties are attributed to the want of proper hull bonds and of a proper check upon overloading. If my honorable friend is not prepared at once to answer this question, which he will appreciate as a subject of great importance, I shall have to put a question to the Foreign Office, which I think ought rather to be addressed to the Board of Trade, and which have been supplied to me. I wish now to ask the question which stands on the paper, namely, whether any confirmation has yet received of a statement in a letter in a recent number of the Times that when the City of Boston left Halifax, the vessel was deeply laden with wheat for Italy, being chartered or twenty laden freight, the insurance allows, thus showing the great probability that the ship, with all on board, has been lost from the same cause as overloading the ship to the loss of the London, whether any action has been taken by the Board of Trade, and whether the honorable gentleman is aware that [illegible] report relating to the loss of the City of Boston, as the result of a protracted investigation by scientific men, after the loss of the London, of the question of overloading, and whether it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to introduce a special bill for the protection of life, or by the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the protection of Her Majesty's subjects from this great source of danger in packet ships.

Mr. SHAW-LEFEVRE, in reply to that part of the question having reference to the City of Boston, stated that the Board of Trade had no confirmation of the statement contained in an anonymous letter, to the effect that the City of Boston was overloaded when she left Halifax. He thought it but fair to the owners of that vessel to state that the last received from Mr. ISMAY the most complete vindication of the owners. He said that his agent at Halifax had reported to him that the actual draught of water of the vessel when she left that port was twenty-one feet seven inches of water, which was less than on any of her previous voyages. He had also the statement of the surveyor relative to the stowage of the cargo, which was satisfactory. Commander HAYWARD was attending and Capt. HARVEY, who was on deck at the time of the accident, immediately gave orders to lower the boats, but of these two only, along on the port side, were available, the large life-boat which was in the starboard side having been smashed in the collision. Many persons, in fact, the next prior given by the gallant old Captain, who, with the rest of his crew, appear to have acted with remarkable coolness and a regard for the safety of the passengers intrusted to their charge. Consequently the female passengers who were not were huddled into the boats, most of them escaped in nothing else but the clothes in which they had been sleeping, and as many of the other passengers as could be taken, all were put on board the other vessel, which proved to be the *Mosy*, of Grimsby; but before the boats could return to their ship, she had disappeared, and about ten minutes after the collision Capt. HARVEY was last seen on the paddle-box bridge, and went down in the ship, as did also the chief mate, Mr. COCKERSON, several of the crew, and passengers, Mr. COX, the chief engineer, the latter indeed, being all of the marine engineers, and Capt. STRAHOUCK, the commander of the *Mosy*, thought his own vessel was sinking, and had ordered out the life-boats, and all was done, so far as we can hear, to save life, but of course no time was spared in the confusion and the distress of the moment. It appears that the steady, little, small, hopeful, thoughtless, and shipped with a cargo of coal, and was bound to London with coals. Her home port is Grimsby. The *Normandy* was a fine paddle-steamer of 400 tons register, and her full complement of 100 passengers, and a crew of 40 men, and was fitted with engines of 400 horse-power. She been [illegible] against vessels [illegible]

Parliamentary Representation.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The shuffling reply of the British Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the questions put to him in the House of Commons yesterday evening, by Mr. CAVENDISH BENTINCK, respecting the seizure of the *Mary Lowell*, [illegible] taken by the Government of the United States. As the owners, however, of that vessel, and for her valuable cargo, are now there to seek a full report of Mr. OTWAY'S reply, you will render many much-injured Americans [illegible] the following report, taken from the [illegible] of this date:

"Mr. Bentinck asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he would state the results of the inquiry which he had referred to the Spanish Government with reference to the alleged seizure of the American ship *Mary Lowell*, by a Spanish ship of war in the port of Havana on the 10th of March, 1869, and by the subsequent detention of the vessel upon the high seas.

"Mr. Otway said the *Mary Lowell*, an American vessel, was seized while in port, and was supposed by the Spanish authorities to be a British vessel. Representations were made to Her Majesty's Government by the owners and been addressed to the Spanish Government. The Spanish authorities had ordered the vessel to be released, and had offered to pay the expenses incurred by the detention. Her Majesty's Government had not received any report of the seizure of the *Mary Lowell* from the Spanish Government, but they had been informed that the vessel was condemned by the High Court of Havana as a lawful prize of war. Her Majesty's Government thought it due to the United States and to themselves that the reply which had been received should be published. The Spanish authorities had stated that the conduct pursued by the Spanish Government was a result of the representations made by the Government of the United States and Spain. These representations were made in November last, and no reply had yet been received from either of the Governments. Her Majesty's Government had hoped to be able to place the whole matter before the House, but the reply had not been received. Under circumstances, it was unlikely to lay it on the table.

This is the third time that the correspondence between our Foreign Office and America and Spain, respecting the *Mary Lowell*, has been moved for in the House of Commons. On the [illegible] Foreign Office resorted to its stereotyped plea that it would be "inconvenient" to publish it. It now withheld on the ground that it is "incomplete," although according to Mr. OTWAY'S own showing, England has contributed to wash her hands of the business. The truth is these papers are withheld because they would expose Lord CLARENDON'S Spanish "proclivities." It is no secret that immediately after the arrival of the *Mary Lowell* at Havana the British Consul-General at that place investigated the case officially, and communicated to the British Foreign Office the mixed conclusive evidence that the seizure was effected within British waters. Mr. GRAHAM DUNLOP stated that the vessel was seized "close in shore at Regreto, Island," and styled the high-handed proceeding "a flagrant illustration of Spanish lawlessness." Young readers will perceive how very "inconvenient" it would have been for our Foreign Office to lay Mr. Consul-General GRAHAM DUNLOP'S letters and report before Parliament, more especially as it was with a view to neutralize and override that report that Lord CLARENDON sanctioned "Commodore PHILLIMORE to investigate the matter."

If these papers were true, as asserted by Mr. OTWAY, that "the formal submission" (a singular variation for forcible seizure) "of the *Mary Lowell*" occurred on the high seas, still the seizure was altogether illegal, because Spain, not being at war with Chili, and not having notified the blockade of that island, was not entitled to exercise any belligerent rights on the high seas. To talk of "contraband of war," in a case where the cargo then were not wanting war, exhibits either a lamentable ignorance of even the rudiments of international law, or a wish to prejudice the case and the rights of British claimants. Mr. OTWAY should have said "munitions" of war. The seizure of the vessel, whether within British waters or not, was therefore clearly wrongful, and her condemnation by the Prize Court at Havana is a flagrant deed of injustice, for which the Government of the United States has been to demand redress. Many British ship-owners and merchants take a lively interest in the case of the *Mary Lowell*, and are anxious to see the correspondence between your able and patriotic Department and Spain on our Minister at Madrid. If the American government be the American newspapers would only publish that correspondence, there are independent members of the House of Commons who will bring forward the subject afresh and show up the unfair conduct of Lord CLARENDON, who seems at nothing and is ready to sacrifice British interests as American rights to serve his Spanish clients.

D. C. L.

TEMPLE, LONDON, Tuesday, March 15, 1870.

Partisan Misrepresentation.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Under the head of "A Most Disgraceful Denunciation," a second number of the New-York Express informs us that the Washington correspondent of the *World* charges Gen. BANKS with giving utterance, at a recent dinner-party in Washington, to the following sentiments:

"If he had his way, he would make war on the South-ern States, and would obtain military possession of them. Being asked to explain the object of such a course, he said that the South were rebels, and that the United States was the Secession power, and he answered that when the Republican Party were in power in the North, and the Secession Democrats, and had taken the South, it would be time enough to talk about the rights of the South."

This, forsooth, the *Express*, "is worty of BUTLER but not expected of BANKS"; and it proceeds to denounce Gen. BANKS, President GRANT and the Republican Party in general, on the strength of the "disgraceful declaration" imputed to the distinguished representative from Massachusetts. While any declaration of sentiments made by Gen. BANKS on the floor of the House, in speeches, or letters to his constituents, or to any other public or official way, is a fair subject for newspaper criticism or comment, it may well be questioned whether opinions uttered in the privacy and freedom of the family of social circle are justly amenable to the criticisms of the Press. But waiving this point, it is at least certain that the deliberate perversion of any opinions, and the imputation to the Party and to an intolerable wrong to the party misrepresented. Of this wrong the *World* and *Express* have both been guilty in the instance above cited. Upon the best authority—that of Gen. BANKS himself—for saying that the opinions imputed to him are not his, he has not, in his public or private life, expressed such views; on the contrary, adds the General, "I should not only not wish to do what is suggested as my desire; but, if I had my way, I would be exactly the opposite of that proposed." In other words, Gen. BANKS denies the sentiment attributed to him by the *World* and *Express*, but clings to precisely the opposite opinion. If then these journals were so proud of their censures against Gen. BANKS for views which he did not entertain, he should they withhold their approval and applause from the policy which he does advocate? At least they can do him the partial justice of putting him right before their readers; unless, indeed, they would have the public understand that the gross misrepresentation which I have pointed out was not a matter of accident, an unintentional mistake, but the work of deliberate design.

FAIR PLAY.

TUESDAY, March 28, 1870.

Commissioner Delano and the Income Tax.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your paper of March 28 appears a letter from C. DELANO, Commissioner, addressed to your Washington correspondent, which, it appears to me, is as good a piece of special pleading as an unworthy of a responsible officer of the Government as I have seen.

The Commissioner, after a labored statement and an example in figures, comes to the gist of the matter. If you receive any amount, you may, perhaps, deduct from your income an amount equal to that you receive. If you pay taxes as much as you receive, you can only deduct what you actually pay—perhaps not that, if you receive nothing but pay back, you can deduct nothing at all. All this, in the Commissioner's view, through the absurd ad law, approved 4th March, 1867, in no way diminishes the deductions to be made from income, as may be seen from the following section 117 (taken in addition to $1,000 exempt from income tax): "All taxes, provided, all national, State, county and municipal taxes paid within the year not delinquent, shall be deducted from the gross amount of the income of the person who pays taxes, or income by any person who pays taxes, or shall pay any other business from which income is actually derived; the amount paid out for annular ordinary repairs."

Sharpened intellectual faculties need to discover wherein the amended is different from the law of 1864, stated by the Commissioner to be equal to interest and labor. If I am able to see the distinctions as clearly under the law of 1867 as under that of 1864, the Commissioner [illegible]

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To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The Cuban Letter from Gen. Rawlins, of Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 28, 1870.

Hon. C. M. Clay, New-York:

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of March 16, 1870, in which you inform me that, at the instance of my friend, Gen. JOHN A. LOGAN, I have been appointed Vice-President for Illinois of the association organized to aid the Cubans. I am obliged by this evidence of the good-will and confidence of Gen. LOGAN and yourself; but feel it to be my duty to decline the appointment.

I do not think it consistent with the public duty of the Governor of one of the United States to aid insurgents against the authority of a Government with which the United States are at peace. The Federal Government is responsible to the States for the maintenance and proper control of our relations with foreign nations, and the Governor of Illinois cannot with propriety act as Vice-President of an association over whose operations he has no control, and that may, for anything he can do to prevent it, violate the acts of Congress concerning our neutrality. I am an old-fashion States' Rights man. I would not interfere with the proper duties of the Federal Government, and resist all encroachments from that quarter upon the proper powers and duties of the States.

But I not prevented by the foregoing conditions from accepting this position, there are others that are sufficient to prevent me from doing so.

I have no evidence that the so-called "Patriots in Party" in Cuba has decreed the abolition of slavery, and the fact that their leader is Gen. JORDON, who was for years in arms against our free Government, to perpetuate slavery, affords me not very satisfactory evidence of such an intention. The issue in Cuba is, whether political slavery of one class, and the personal servitude of the black and mixed races. I have no sympathy with slave-holders or the friends of slavery; and until the insurgent party of Cuba openly and solemnly declare the emancipation of human slaves, and make the decree responsible for its overthrow, I am unwilling to aiding them or ask others to do so.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

JOHN A. RAWLINS.

Death of a New-Hampshire Editor.

Rev. T. H. MILLER, one of the oldest editors in active service in New-Hampshire, died at Portsmouth yesterday, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a native of that city and in it passed most of his days. For years he published the *Congregationalist*, a weekly journal; subsequently he was associated with the late CHARLES W. BREWSTER in the publication of the Portsmouth *Journal*, and in that newspaper published many articles relating to the early history of the city, a field which his partner cultivated with marked success for many years after, as the two published volumes of his "Ramble about Portsmouth," books of great value and interest to every son of "old Strawberry Bank," attest.

Of late years Mr. MILLER has edited the Portsmouth *Chronicle*, a daily paper published by his son, avowedly independent, but ever outspoken in favor of temperance, abolition and union. For, as a temperance man and as an abolitionist, Mr. MILLER was a radical of the radicals. Prominent in both movements from their earliest inception, for thirty years he labored by voice and pen to advance them. He was a good citizen; honest, earnest, industrious and conscientious; [illegible] they were valuable in advancing and supporting that which he knew to be the right. The field in which he labored did not seem large, but it would be hard to define how far extends the influence which any good citizen exerts, and the influence of Mr. MILLER was always thrown on the side of the right.

THE FACTION FIGHT.

Doings in Democratic Circles in this City Yesterday—The New Charter, and What They Say About It.

There was little doing in political circles yesterday. Those members of the Democratic Party who were in the City were engaged in canvassing among themselves the chances for success which the various bills relating to the City had in the Legislature. Yesterday was regarded in the light of a grand field day at Albany, and the Chamber of Senators and Assemblymen would be watched very carefully.

The ranks of the Democracy in the Legislature were heavily reinforced by multitudes from this City and Vicinity, who desired to be on the spot and contribute whatever they could to the common cause. The fight on the new charter was expected to be an earnest one, and all the assistance that could be spared from the City was needed in the emergency. Therefore, when Mr. TWEED went up on Monday night, he was accompanied by a host of assistants, volunteer and otherwise, and when the remaining members of the "Executive Committee" came up yesterday, still greater reinforcements were sent along. This forces "Tammany" ranks somewhat deserted.

THE NEW CHARTER.

Early in the afternoon the news was received in this City that the newest of the new charters had passed the Assembly by a vote of 115 to 4. The intelligence was generally received with satisfaction by the present office-holders, and those who expected to be remembered when the day for the distribution of the spoils should come. The Young Democracy were not particularly jubilant over the intelligence, for they saw in the almost solid vote by which the bill was passed, some realization of the promise made by Mr. TWEED, of a clean sweep in the coming fight. They, however, clung to the hope that in the Senate some fellows would be added who might see their chances of success in the advance of the spoils.

The new charter was printed in the Times of Tuesday last, and by reference to it will be seen that it makes a clean sweep of the Street and Water Commissioners, the Board of Assessors, makes "a new deal of the Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, effects a reorganization of the Fire Commission and the Metropolitan Board of Health, creates a Department of Docks, and new a Commissioner for Central Park, and generally effects a change in the officers. The powers of the Mayor under the new charter are considerably extended, and great responsibility will immediately devolve upon that officer.

THE "YOUNG DEMOCRACY" COUNTED OUT.

The principal thing which seemed to agitate the manly bosoms of the "Young Democracy," yesterday, was that they saw whatever power they once had slipping away from them. They recognized the new charter as one of the creatures of Tammany, and they could not hope for any favors at the hands of the Legislature in the present shape they could not hope for even the least crumb which might otherwise have been extracted from the fish loaf. They had had no finger in the composition of the cake—had not put a plum in, and certainly could not expect to take a plum out.

WHEN THEY SOLD!

There were whisperings about the City Hall yesterday that the "Young Democracy" had been sold on Monday night, especially as it was found that resolutions which were framed for presentation to the General Committee, by what declared that the resolutions meant nothing; that they were extremely mild and waterish, and positively harmless. It was asserted that they had been presented to the Gen. Committee, in spite of the Tammany men, who would have voted for them because they were so harmless. It was also said that many of those delegates who were counted as being for the "Young Democracy," were actually for Mr. TWEED, and that the name of the former, as being in sympathy with the "Young Democracy" was used in order to deceive the Gen. Committee. It was also said that Mr. CHARLES E. LOEW, for instance, who did not attend the meeting at all, and Mr. BERNARD B. CONNOLLY, RICHARD M. TWEED and SAMUEL B. GARVIN are also, it is said, not at all in sympathy with the "Young Democracy." It was also further stated that there was a "Tammany" in the camp of the opponents of Tammany.

Ballots Once Again in Requisition.

The articles which have appeared in this and other journals, in reference to the case of WILLIAM MURRAY, who has been confined in the Ludlow-street Jail, for more than twenty months, under a commitment for contempt made by certain Commissioners, have awakened an interest among a class of persons who will probably make all the inquiries into the real cause of Mr. MURRAY. Messrs. ROSWELL D. HATCH and JOHN T. TOWNSEND, well-known members of the bar in this City, have volunteered to aid the friends of Mr. OVERTON, who has been indefatigable in his exertions in behalf of MURRAY, and it is said that some remarkable developments will shortly be made.

The Erie Railroad Strikes and Their Causes.

A correspondent writing from Port Jervis says: A few months ago the Erie Railroad was notorious for its strikes, and the newspapers freely commented upon the cause. The last strike of the Long Dock machinists was condemned by the public as being too hasty, the men not waiting one day past the regular pay-day before they ceased work, but they knew that if they let one day pass that month they would have to let several pass the month following. In October last, representatives from each of the Erie repair-shops waited upon Mr. GOULD, the President of the road, for the purpose of having a regular pay-day adopted. Mr. GOULD appointed a day for each shop, and signed an agreement to that effect. It was stated that the Port Jervis shop was to be paid on or before the 10th of each month, also a certain number of days; but under any circumstances they should be paid by the 20th. The 20th has arrived, but no pay has been given for February, nor for any month. Such neglect in the cause of which is evidence to the men; and store-keepers not knowing when they are going to get paid for their goods, charge accordingly, and in many cases further credit is refused. Consequently some men with large families suffer great privations, although the Company is owing them two months' pay at the same time.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Adoption of an Official Ordinance Against Slaughter with the Slaughtering Company—The Nitely Lazaro Hospital—The Commissioner of Health Resigns.

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday at the usual hour, Dr. JOHN G. STORM, the President, being absent. An ordinance was passed which prohibits the erection of any garbage, offal or other nuisance within three hundred feet of any church or inhabited dwelling in any incorporated village, and also prohibiting any such nuisance remaining upon any railroad car within the limits. The ordinance was adopted in order to meet the nuisance created at Jamaica, Long Island Railroad. An application for a permit to establish a slaughter-house was presented by the Metropolitan Slaughtering Company, from the foot of Thirty-eighth-street, East River, again came up, and a long report by the Sanitary Superintendent was read in which it was shown that, although the business is conducted with all possible care, it is necessary and inevitably a nuisance, which ought not to be permitted anywhere within the City or upon its wind-swept side. The President of the Company was again present pleading for permission to remain until the 1st of May, and a motion to that effect was made by Commissioner LEMONDE, saying that if the gentlemen present in the Board he would vote to compel them to remove. A long discussion ensued, during which it appeared that there is always a pile of bones at the foot of Thirty-eighth-street which are highly noxious, and with which the Rendering Company has no concern and no power to interfere. It was stated that in these cases the real cause of the nauseating odors pervading the neighborhood, and very there with the permit of the Board. After considerable talk which had been provoked by these bonds, the permit was refused by the following vote: Yeas—Bowerman, Lemonde, Smith, Mayo, Crane, Manierre, Stone and Smith. Immediately, however, the nuisance was perpetuated by a motion made by Commissioner Mr. BIRKBECK that no suits be commenced against the Rendering Company until the further order of the Board, which was passed by the following vote: Yeas—Bowerman, Bennett, Lemonde, Smith, Mayo, Crane, Manierre, Stone and Smith. Mr. MANIERRE, in making this motion, said that he did so because he desired a full investigation of the bone matter before proceeding to enforce the law against the Rendering Company, until it is clearly shown that the nuisance proceeds from their works.

A report from Sanitary Inspector MURRAY was read, which calls attention to the crowded, filthy condition of the lower markets, and especially of Washington and West Washington Markets. It was moved that a copy of the report be sent to the Corporation for the information, as it appears that the Board has no power to clean the markets, which are the most inviolable of all pests. The Tax Levy always allows $20,000 for cleaning them, but they are never cleaned.

A gentleman representing one of the companies lately arraigned before the Board, as had been made a statement in person before the Board, admitting that his compound was actually injurious to health because it did contain lead poison, but saying that the substance has since been eliminated, and he has the confidence of its manufacturers, Messrs. A. SATTIG, who, he thought, condemned it and called for its extirpation by the Board.

Commissioner SMITH offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sanitary committee be directed to inquire as to the prevalence of contagious diseases among the vagrant population of New-York, and report a plan by which all persons belonging to this class may be registered and placed under sanitary supervision.

A report upon the convention of milk-men at Croton Falls by Assistant Sanitary Superintendent MORRIS was read and ordered to be filed. It gives a report of the proceedings of the Convention, already published in the TIMES, and concludes by saying that in this universal article of food the Board of Health cannot too closely scrutinize both its source and supply, and that some measures should be adopted to secure to us pure milk to consumers in its unadulterated native purity.

The Board then adjourned.

THE BOARD OF EXCISE.

Important Report of the Finance Committee—The Charges Against Mr. Manierre—Action of the Board.

The Board of Excise met at 3 o'clock P. M. yesterday, Dr. J. O. SMITH in the chair. A report ordered to be made at the previous meeting, was read, with regard to the charge that commutation had been illegally allowed the Treasurer, and exorbitant pay given to certain employes of the Board. The Committee state that they find, first, that the salary of the Treasurer of the Metropolitan Board of Health is $600 per annum; second, that the salary of the Secretary of said Board is $3,000 per annum; and, third, that the Treasurer and Secretary of the Metropolitan Board of Health are and have been continuously Treasurer and Secretary of the Metropolitan Board of Excise from the organization of said Board. The sum of $6,376 46 was paid to commutation with the report of a Special Committee relating the value of these services. The salary of the Secretary of the Board of Excise is fixed by law, and limited by law. In accordance with resolutions adopted at various times since the organization of the Board, April 20, 1866, there was been paid to the Secretary (including an allowance of $2,500 during the last year) the aggregate sum of $12,500, being an average salary for a period of three years and a half, of $3,000 per annum. This is believed to be a moderate compensation, considering the amount, character and value of the services rendered. The Board, by resolution adopted Nov. 9, 1869, (on recommendation of the Finance Committee), directed the Treasurer to pay to EDGAR DAVIS, of the Metropolitan Police, the sum of $100, in recognition of his services. A large part of the accounts are being paid in currency, their safe deposit in bank renders the position of messenger one of trust and importance. To Geo. HOPCRAFT, Clerk to the Superintendent of Police the sum of $100, for examination of applicants for license, with particular reference to the reputation of the places to be licensed. To SETH C. MAWHEY, Jr., clerk in Metropolitan Police Department, the sum of $200 for indexing all applications for license. To JOSEPH STRATON, of the Metropolitan Police, the sum of $100 in recognition of his services in Excise, and as hearings of complaints for violations of the Excise law. To Officers STEWART and WEBB, of the Metropolitan Police, the sum of $100 each, for delivering and distributing in Police Precinct boxes the notices, many thousand in number, issued under the Excise law. The Board made appropriations annually to the parties above-named for similar services. The Committee is of the opinion that the Board would have been entitled to more than double this expenditure if parties not connected with the Police Department had been employed to perform the services above rendered to. Under resolution of the same date, E. ROBINSON, a clerk in the Treasurer's office, was paid the sum of $200 for extra services before and after office hours. If such extra service had not been rendered by this clerk, it would have been necessary to employ an additional clerk, thereby increasing the expenses of the Board. It will be noticed that the aggregate amount paid for the services rendered to in this paragraph is less than $1,000.

The salary of the book-keeper of the Treasurer of the Board of Health is $1,400 per annum. The same person performs the duty of cashier and accountant for the Board of Excise, and has acted in that capacity from the organization of said Board. His salary as fixed by the Board of Excise dating from May 1, 1866, is at the rate of $1,000 per annum, and was fixed at that rate on recommendation of the Finance Committee, that he might be paid a fair average compensation for the past four years of most faithful and useful service. He received in 1866 the sum of $600, in 1867 $800, in 1868 $1,100, in 1869 $1,300, or a total of $3,800 for nearly four years, or an average of about $1,000 per annum. The Committee is satisfied that no person familiar with the amount and character of the work performed by the person filling this position can say that $1,000 is overpaid.

The Committee declares that no money has been paid for services, except upon the order of the Board. It is but just to the Treasurer to say that it adds that he has performed his full share of the duties devolving upon the Commissioners of the Board of Health and Excise, and the services rendered by the other Commissioners in collecting nearly $6,000,000, mostly in small bills, on over 30,000 licenses, not one cent of which has been lost or misappropriated, and the care and responsibility of its custody and distribution entitle him to all the compensation he has received, and more.

After the reading of the report Mr. MANIERRE stated that if there was any doubt in the minds of the members of the Board as to the legality or propriety of the compensation which had been awarded him as Treasurer, he was ready to refund the sum. Dr. SMITH stated as one of the Finance Committee that there was no doubt in their minds as to the propriety of the additional compensation, and in order to be certain on the point of law they had without hesitation advised them that the Board had undoubted power to make the payment allowance.

Judge BOSWORTH then moved that the resolution of the 17th of November, which granted the additional compensation be rescinded, and made an argument in support of his motion, taking the ground that the allowance was illegal, as the Legislature never intended to leave the Commissioners of Excise at liberty to fix their own compensation. There was indeed a technical point upon which the allegation might be made, [illegible] technicality which [illegible] and where the [illegible] between itself and the public treasury, the latter should be the arbiter. Upon the conclusion of Judge BOSWORTH'S argument, Mr. ARCHER moved that the matter be referred to a special committee, composed of Commissioners BOSWORTH and STORM, with authority to take the opinion of counsel, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

RIVERSIDE PARK.

Protest of the West Side Association Against the Action of the Commissioners—Public and Private Interests Sacrificed in Management.

A committee appointed by the West Side Association, consisting of Mr. Wm. R. Martin, Courtlandt Palmer, Fernando Wood, Daniel F. Tiemann and others, has addressed a communication to the Commissioners of the Riverside Park, HORACE SMITH, Esq., M. SWEENY and WM. M. TWEED, Jr., in which they say:

The area between the Central Park and the Riverside Park, from its natural advantages and its relative position to the Island, will become, eventually, equal to any other portion of the City as a desirable place of residence and for the high value of its property. To accomplish the result two things are necessary:

First—The ground must be prepared for building; i. e., the title of the public places, streets and avenues now laid out must be acquired by the Corporation, and the streets, avenues and public places must be graded, regulated and improved, and the sewers must be built.

Second—Rapid means of transit must be provided, so that it may be speedily reached from the lower business portion of the City.

When these things shall be accomplished, building will commence, and the land will have a real and productive value. Until they are accomplished, the land must remain vacant and unproductive, as hitherto, since every year the population of the Metropolis has increased sufficiently to have filled up closely at least one-half of the whole area. In fact, the City has been depleted by the immense and the population has move away and settled elsewhere, [illegible] of the railroads in New-Jersey, Long Island and Staten Island.

The property owners have been damaged by the delay in making their property productive.

A great injustice is suffered by the property owners by the increased valuation, while the improvements are no greater than the following. The increase of valuation by the Tax Commissioners in the Twelfth and Twenty-second Wards, within which the West Side is situated:

Twelfth Ward	$[illegible]
Twenty-second Ward	10,[illegible]
Total	$[illegible]
Twelfth Ward	$[illegible]
Twenty-second Ward	67,[illegible]
Total	$[illegible]

There is nothing to justify this increase of valuation. In face of it, the owners are not misled by the reduction of the rate of the per centage of the tax. The tax levy is largely increased, and is still increased. The whole property on the west side would not, this year, rent for as much as the tax that is levied on it. The tax is equal, therefore, to a tax of ten per cent, on improved real estate; and it is burdensome beyond comparison. When the street improvements, which the land by law must pay for, are needlessly delayed, the tax becomes a great wrong, and the burden insufferable.

Two years have been virtually lost while the work remained in the hands of the Commissioners. These statements are relevant to the question of the proper disposition of the fund imposed by law on the Commissioners for two reasons:

First—The very first step which must precede all other improvements, is the acquisition of title to the land set apart for public places, streets and avenues. Not until the title is acquired, can a comprehensive plan be undertaken for the grading, sewerage and regulation of the streets and avenues, or the improvement of the public parks.

Second—The Riverside Park, three miles in length, bounding the West side region, and its Twenty-second, Twenty-seventy-second to One Hundred and Thirtieth-street, is the most important of all the new improvements. It gives its character to the west side. The avenues near to it, and the streets that abut on it, depend upon it for their character and their value; and will become its tributaries, when the Riverside Park becomes a visible reality on the ground, as the Central Park now is.

It is evident that if the necessary work for the preparation of the west side for building be pursued with diligence, and accomplished, as it might easily be, within three to five years, the results would be most advantageous to the property owners; to the growth of the City; to the real income value of its property, and to the increase of its population and business. On the other hand, the present and past slow progress and delay does not appear to be justified by any sound or wise policy, interest, and worth disadvantage and loss to all the interests, and which it is the duty of a good administration of the City Government to prevent.

The "Forlorn-Hope" Democracy.

THOS. E. TOMLINSON, the organizer and leader of the "Forlorn-hope" Democracy, held a meeting last evening at Mozart Hall, at which he explained to all comers the nature of the grand design, which is no less than a thorough reformation of the administration of public affairs in this City. Among the numerous reforms which he hopes will come out of this forlorn hope is the throwing open of all public halls for the use of the people in the evening for discussions, lectures, and other worthy objects, and the furnishing of gas by the

over heated street the tire notes. The Demurrer never refused to allow the defendant to go at large on his own recognizance, and the case was adjourned till today at 12 o'clock.

RIVER FRONT IMPROVEMENTS.

New Wharves—Railroad Extensions—Reconstructed Piers—The Cost.

"The oldest inhabitant," does not need to ransack memory severely to recall the domestic, public, service, and business aspect and character of a very different portion and shape from those of the present hour. Were statistics attainable to tell the story, the figures in trials of changes and improvements would be astonishing. The vast acreage of territory, along the North and East Rivers, and the Battery, that has been filled in, raised and straitened, amounts to scores of acres. The entire aspect in one year, one year almost for a few years is a complete metamorphosis. The geography of the water front has undergone quite a change. Until about five years since our ship docks, wharves and contractors frequently cost of repair, continued absolutely insecure, and always in a dilapidated condition. The most the was the approach to or exit from them over the uncovered and ill-kept streets, filthy to sight, all the pleasures of fine scenery, fresh air and luxurious surroundings. The winds, snows, rains, dust and filth on the exposed piers have riotous away and made the localities obnoxious at all seasons. Lastly the principal lines have made great improvements in the lengthening, widening and strengthening of their wharves, erecting substantial and elegant houses upon them, and inaugurating an entirely new order of affairs. Protection from the weather to goods and passengers, healthier, ample space and convenience for man, and beast, as well as great security from thieves in this matter, have been obtained. Better, safer and cleanlier sidewalks, elevated to a level with the street proper, and greater care in sweeping and sprinkling the planks can be readily attained at a small outlay of money and labor. In many cases the railroad station accommodations entirely surpass those of the steamer piers. During the past few months several important and extensive improvements have been made along the North River front, greatly enhancing the attractiveness of the water front as well as the value of real estate and other property adjacent. At the foot of Liberty-street, adjoining the New Jersey Central Railroad ferry house, there has been a new bulkhead extension made, and thereon is erected a substantial shed about seventy-five by forty-five feet. A portion of this is used by the New-Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, the night and day, the remaining space is to be used by the Adams Express Company's eastern department. Barges, or "boats," carrying eight cars each, are loaded and discharged here. On the other side of the river they are backed down between and an inclined plane upon the land, the decks. Strong bumpers at the end and side guards lock them as secure and still. A permanent platform, level with the car doors, extends the entire length of the boats. This is connected to the pier by a draw-bridge, over which the freight is speedily trucked out. The Erie Railway has made similar improvement—extension, shed and drawer adjoining the Pavonia Ferry and Narragansett Bristol line buildings, at the foot of Warren-street. The dimensions are seventy feet front by thirty feet deep. Floats similar to those previously described, bring loads to the pier. At Pier No. 26 additional and important improvements are under contract. The pier is to be repaired and extended, and a capacious superstructure, similar in size and style to that of the Old Dominion Company, is to be built. The dimensions of the shed are 300 feet in length by 50 feet in width; the estimated cost is stated at $100,000. Messrs. Livingston, Fox & Co.'s steamer line controls the premises. Pier No. 27, occupied by the Old Dominion Line, has been greatly enlarged and improved. Its dimensions are sixty-four feet front and width, and 500 feet in length. A large and well-built shed covers the pier to the length of 360 feet. The material used was corrugated iron sides and gravel tar roof. On the West-street front is an imposing entrance, with offices on either side, and rooms on the second floor. The cost of the entire affair was about $100,000.

The most extensive, important and one of the finest improvements of the kind ever made in this country is at Pier No. 36, at the foot of Hubert-street. The Empire Transportation line leased the premises some time ago, and has greatly extended, widened and strengthened the wharf, and covered it by a handsome and substantial freight depot. The frame is of very heavy timbers, the sides are of corrugated iron, and the roof of gravel tar. The street front is very handsome and imposing, being 125 feet in width, two stories high, and about forty-five feet deep, which affords excellent accommodations for an extensive suite of offices. The main pier itself is 240 feet long, sixty feet wide at the outer end. Nearly the entire area of the premises thus built on is constructed over two acres—nearly as large as the old St. John's Park. The L on which the old "Red Fort" of earlier times stood is nearly 200 feet square. The Empire line transported the plan of bringing the cars over the river on the "floating" process only spoken of, which is still in vogue. The plan is being imitated by their contemporaries.

Notwithstanding the immense area of the depot, its entire capacity is tested by the great business of the line. The total cost of this far-famed depot, and its appurtenances, is stated at $300,000. The City Ferry-house at the foot of Dearborne-street is the more grand specimen of iron architecture along the North River front. Heavy tubular pillars of the Doric and Corinthian styles, with panel fronts and carvings of quaint but elegant design, and an iron roof with corrugated iron sides, make up the stately old edifice. There are four bridges. The interior arrangements, sitting rooms, offices and conveniences are admirably planned and constructed. The edifice is not yet altogether complete. When finished it will cost over $100,000. Twenty-five thousand more will finish the edifice. The front is the entire width of the street opposite, and makes a very handsome display. At Pier No. 37, at the foot of Hubert-street, Messrs. VAN SANTVOOD, FARRINGTON and SMITH are making valuable improvements. The pier is to be 500 feet long and sixty wide. Upon it, and rapidly nearing completion, is a strongly framed building which is to be of the same style as that of the Empire Company. The estimated expense is about $100,000. The Albany line of day boats and the Rondout line use this depot. At Pier No. 40 the Knickerbocker Ice Company have made extensive improvements. The pier is 400 feet long and sixty feet wide, to be covered with a shed of corrugated iron sides and tar pebble roof. It will be completed in May at a cost of about $100,000. Many of the other piers are being repaired and extended on a greater or lesser scale, and the entire river front is gradually undergoing favorable and much-needed changes.

The Customs-House Smugglers.

The case of ISIDORE WOLF and MYRTIL MAY, the two Broadway importers, charged with smuggling about $20,000 worth of goods into this port, was yesterday adjourned until a subject today, by Commissioner OSBORN. The Commissioner authorized once more called to produce the desired evidence against the accused. The prisoners gave bail in $500,000 each, and were set at liberty. It was reported that a man named SMITH was liberally paid for becoming bondsman for MAY. It was also said that the Customs officials had not shown any inclination to prosecute the claims which they brought against the accused because they were desirous of settling all smuggling cases at the Custom-house.

Taking the Law Into His Own Hands.

Deputy Collector JOURE, of the Ninth District, charged MICHAEL MAHONEY, of Manhattanville, yesterday, before Commissioner SHEILDS, with having forcibly seized an express wagon, of which he was the owner, after it had been taken possession of by the revenue collectors, under the direction of Collector BARLOW, for violation of law. An informal hearing elicited the fact that the accused was a poor man, with several children. At the time he seized the wagon he was not aware of the law he had violated. He was told to do so he did by a Police Captain. On motion of Assistant District-Attorney JACKSON, he was discharged on his own recognizance to appear for examination.

The McFarland Trial.

The trial of DANIEL MCFARLAND, for the alleged murder of ALBERT D. RICHARDSON, will positively commence before Recorder HACKETT, in the Court of General Sessions, at the opening of the April Term on Monday next. The case will occupy several days, during which a large mass of testimony will be introduced.

LAW REPORTS.

DECIDED.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 30.

By Judge Monell.

Treed vs. Heilmann; motion denied.

Black vs. Stiles; judgment and subsequent proceeding are so far opened as to allow defendant to put in an answer and have a trial; the judgment and subsequent proceedings to stand as security, and to be used only in case defendant finally obtains judgment; costs to abide the event.

Shumway vs. Brockway; motion granted on payment of all costs after service of complaint and of notice; judgment to stand as security.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 30.

Before Judge Cardozo.

BRITAL TREATMENT OF A WIFE BY A HUSBAND.

Mary Delaney vs. *Martin Delaney*.—This was an action brought by a wife against her husband to obtain a decree of divorce from bed and board on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment alleged upon her by her husband. The parties were married in May, 1856. The husband did not appear to defend the action. From the testimony of the wife it appeared that he frequently thrashed her, and at a time when near her confinement, which took place in September last, he seized a wooden one and threatened to beat her through. A few days before her child was born he pushed up his spunks and left home, and he has not since provided for her in any manner.

The court granted a decree of separation, and ordered the defendant to pay the costs.

Motion for the support of the wife.

For plaintiff, Mr. D. Field; no one appeared for defendant.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—MARCH 30.

BEFORE COMMISSIONER SHEILDS.

Bailey vs. Bailey.

George W. Horton vs. Jesse Wesley, Master and Owner of the Barque Mercury, etc.—This action was commenced and continued on behalf of the libelant appeared yesterday by counsel, Benedict & Donohue, and the Proctor of the United States District Court, on Rockaway Beach, etc.—Mr. Whitlock, who filed in the case, was in court. Several witnesses were examined on the part of the libelant, and the case was then adjourned until 10 o'clock, when it should not be proceeded, at 1 o'clock on Saturday, to produce the paper or be considered in contempt of Court.

FOREIGN TRADE.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

Nine petroleum were arraigned yesterday for various offenses. The principal case was that of Thomas Hamilton, of the Barque Eugene Prevost, who appeared and was arraigned upon a charge of assault and battery, in violation of the laws of the State, in having, on the 18th ult., at the foot of Hubert-street, North River, assaulted and beaten Mr. Wm. Dyckman, a passenger, who had come on board of the vessel the evening. The affidavit stated that Sutton remained sitting in the lower-deck, when his son, and demanded something to eat. Dyckman, however, then confronted with the Demurrer, accompanied by his children, who had come on board

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The London *Globe* intimates that Mr. BRIGHT will soon resign his seat in the Cabinet ....The Government is preparing an expedition to include a battery of steel guns and 1,000 men to repress the Red River revolt....The Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom Spring Meeting was won by Mr. HARRY'S *Adhesive*.... The general congregation of the Council at Rome is said to have adopted the *Schema de Fide*. MAZZINI publishes a letter at Ravenna urging the Romagna to revolt....A compromise has been agreed on between ex-Queen ISABELLA and her husband, under which they agree to a separation....The medical students in Paris made another exhibition of ill-feeling toward Dr. TARDIEU, one of the medical witnesses in BONAPARTE'S trial.

CONGRESS.

The Senate did but little work in open session yesterday. The bills providing for new Post-office buildings in Montgomery, Ala., and Little Rock, Ark., were called up and passed; bills fixing the next Tuesday after the first Monday as general election day throughout the country for Congressmen, and incorporating the Indian Territory, Gulf and Pacific Railroad Company, were introduced; and the bill incorporating the United States Freehold and Emigration Company was reported adversely by the Committee on Territories. During the morning hour the resolution to appoint a Joint Special Committee on Indian Affairs was discussed, but not disposed of. An exceedingly long Executive session was held, the question under discussion being the San Domingo treaty. Senator CASSERLY made the principal speech. No action whatever was taken.

In the House fitting notice was taken of the death of Gen. THOMAS. The Senate amendment to the Texas bill, striking out the proviso that nothing in the bill shall affect the conditions on which the State was originally admitted, was, after some discussion, concurred in by a party vote. Several bills were reported from committees, among them one transferring the unexpended funds of the Freedmen's Bureau to the Education Bureau, and providing that they be used for the education and aid of the freedmen, and transferring the other duties of this Bureau to the War Department. A resolution was introduced directing the Secretary of the Treasury to accept the most advantageous bids for gold under advertisement from his department, and prohibiting him from purchasing bonds beyond the sinking fund each year. The proclamation of the President announcing the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment was received with enthusiasm. The Tariff bill was debated for a while, and at 4½ o'clock the House adjourned.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, the bill to incorporate the Arcade Railroad Company of New-York was reported. Mr. GERRY'S bill to prevent fraudulent voting was introduced. The Canal Steam-towing bill was ordered to a third reading. The Senate took a recess until 1½ P. M. In the Assembly, the new charter for the City of New-York, being the special order, was taken up. A motion to postpone was made by Mr. KIRKLAND, which received only one or two votes, and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the bill. When a few pages had been read, a motion to report progress was carried, and the bill was ordered to a third reading under the operation of the previous question, by a vote of 76 to 15. The bill was read, and passed, also under the previous question, by a vote of 115 to 5. The bill to reorganize the Sinking Fund was passed, by a vote of 94 to 17. The Senate amendments to the bill for the consolidation of six-town railroads, advertisements for insertion in the TIMES will be received at No. 84 West 23d-st., junction of Broadway and 4th-av., at same rates as are charged at office of publication.

THE FIFTEENTH.

The President, yesterday, sent both Houses of Congress a message communicating the fact of the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution by the requisite number of States, and transmitting also the official proclamation of the event.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has addressed a circular to Assessors throughout the country, calling their attention to complaints of the inability of officers of the revenue to tax-payers, and directing them to enjoin their subordinates to guard against giving cause for future complaints.

A resolution of inquiry relating to the recent landing of a small-pox patient by the *City of Brussels* at Halifax, was adopted on Tuesday in the Canadian Parliament.

Preparations for a mass-meeting on the subject of the Bible in the public schools are in progress in Cincinnati.

Advices from Gainesville, Texas, of March 4, contain a report of an extensive raid by Comanche Indians in Western Texas, in which over forty families are said to have been massacred, several hundred horses and several hundred head captured. The belief is expressed that the Commander at Fort Sill could have prevented some of the massacres if so disposed.

The new fifty cent fractional notes will be issued next week. The new one hundred dollar notes will be turned over to the Treasurer by the engravers in a few days.

The argument in the case between the Mayors of Richmond, Va., Messrs. CARDOZO and ELLIZOR, closed yesterday. A decision will probably be rendered today.

The wife and three children of A. L. BATES were recently frozen to death during a storm in Blue Earth County, Iowa. Their house took fire and was burned, and Mr. BATES went for assistance, but on returning he found his wife and children dead. Several other persons were frozen to death during the same storm.

A large and very enthusiastic meeting was held in Cooper Institute last evening, to protest against sectarian schools, and the use of public money for religious purposes. The meeting was addressed by Rev. H. W. BEECHER, Hon. WM. E. DODGE, Rev. J. P. THOMPSON, Revs. NOAH HUNT, SCHERCK, and others.

The Cunard steam-ship *Java*, which arrived yesterday morning, brought the largest mail ever received in this port from Europe. It comprised 325 bags, each bag containing an average of two bushels of mail matter. This mail included both the mail of the *Java* and that of the *Scotia*, which put back disabled.

At the meeting of the Liberal Club, last evening, Mr. JAMES D. BELL read an interesting paper on "Positive Philosophy," giving an outline of the life of COMTE and his writings, as viewed by M. LITTRE, of the Institute of France.

The Meeting on the School Question.

The tide is rising. For a long time past only one section of the community seems to have been taking any active interest in the future of our school system. The general public has been satisfied that all fundamental principles were safe, and that only minor details, not worth fighting for, were being made the ground of contest by sects. It is this sense of security which imperils all great causes. While the people have thought that the schools were beyond danger, a resolute attempt has been made to undermine them. We profess to sanction no alliance between Church and State, and there is no such alliance in existence even yet, in fact; but the practical effects of it are already enjoyed by a numerous and powerful sect. Under one pretense and another, half a million of dollars were abstracted from the funds of the City last year for the support of sectarian schools. This is in direct antagonism to the principles on which we have always based our system of education. We say that every child has a right to look to the State for education, but that no one has a right to look to it for a sectarian education. At the same time the people are made to pay for the support of sectarian schools.

An immense audience assembled last evening at the Cooper Institute to protest against the insidious growth of this aggressive movement, on the part of ambitious sects. The enthusiasm and earnestness displayed at the meeting must in a very short time extend throughout the country. The speakers may be regarded as the pioneers of an invincible defense against an attack on the common schools. Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER thoroughly commended the sympathies of the audience when he declared that foreigners, or the children of foreigners, should enjoy all the privileges of native-born Americans—but not one more. We are not aware of any other country in the world which offers so much. The rights of conscience shall be respected, but we can never consent to have our schools broken up for the purpose of founding an educational system upon a narrower basis. The argument by Hon. W. E. DODGE was, perhaps, even more weighty than Mr. BEECHER'S, for it attacked the real source of our present danger with greater boldness. Mr. BEECHER is a man of very liberal ideas—the more to his honor he it said—and he manifestly has no disposition to declare war against the Roman Catholics, or any sect. At the same time he would stand by the common schools against all assailants. It will probably be found that, before this struggle is over, Mr. BEECHER will find himself driven into a position of more decided antagonism toward cunning enemies of what he justly describes as the "American idea." Mr. DODGE is so far in advance of Mr. BEECHER that he perceives this necessity now, and meets it without any hesitation. He spoke with great animation and effect, and most of his hearers would probably have been glad to have listened to him a little longer. The gentlemen who succeeded him were also very well prepared for their duties, and a more decided expression of public opinion than that which was evoked at the meeting, we have seldom been called upon to record.

The section in the Tax Levy of the City, under which half a million of money has been perverted from a proper use to a most improper use, must be repealed. It is admitted by all parties that it was introduced and carried by false pretenses. It was "smuggled in" at the last moment, and no one at the time detected its full import. We have found out the truth since. All that remains is to undo the mischief. It cannot be said that Protestants have entered voluntarily into a war of prejudice. The war has been begun by the other side. Neither Protestants, Roman Catholics, nor any other sect whatever, shall be allowed to seize the public money for the purposes of religious instruction. That is a very broad principle, but it is quite impossible to allege that slightly has limited it. We trust that the people will always be prepared to indorse it against a host of enemies.

The Treasury Policy and its Effect Upon the Country.

The difficulties in which the trade and industry of the country are involved are due principally to the effort to fund the debt in advance of the adjustment of the currency. If we had gone first to specie payments through some gradual process, the prices of all commodities in the United States would have adapted themselves to the new basis and remained stable. As it is, however, when measures came to be taken to carry out the funding policy in September last, the prices of labor and of all its products were measured by paper money on the basis of, say, 129 for gold, whereas at present they are measured by paper estimated at 112 for gold. Indeed, as respects many articles, the fall has been greater than the difference between 129 and 112, as they have reached specie prices. In the language of Wall-street, the effect of specie payments has been largely discounted. As this reduction in exchangeable values affects property, merchandise, and private debts, amounting to several thousand millions of dollars, the change is one of the most momentous known since 1837. It is too early to measure its full effects, which are indicated by the languid and mutilated condition of trade, by a diminution in manufacturing industry, by the discharge of hands from farms, and by a few important failures. The future will be regarded with some anxiety.

One of the results of the raid upon Wall-street by the Erie clique, in September, was to develop the complete control of the Treasury over the market for gold. Other circumstances contributed to the result, and particularly this fact—that, although at the time we were running up a score to the foreigner at the rate of over three millions of dollars per week, the state of exchange for several months has been steadily in our favor, owing to the large sale of our bonds in Europe and to their advancing credit. As gold had been demoralized here, except for Custom-house purposes—as it was not then wanted in Europe, and Wall-street had been broken down—the Treasury, strengthened by heavy payments for duties and by improving credit, was complete master of the situation.

The plan had been in the first instance to elevate our bonds to the price of gold—say 123; but as this was a slow process, and perhaps impossible of accomplishment within the short period likely to intervene before Europe would from necessity reverse her policy and call for gold, the plan was changed into the one of forcing down gold to the price of the bonds. This was continued with great effect during October and November, and, in precise accordance with the fall of gold, all descriptions of property were marked down in all parts of the Union. The hardship was most severe upon those who sold cotton, grain and petroleum for export. These had been produced in such quantities as to give promise of great prosperity, but as they were paid for to the extent purchased by the foreigner in gold, which was turned into currency not at 123 but at a lower rate, the losses constantly occurring on a falling market so weakened the dealers and speculators who were accustomed to uphold the price of these articles, that the foreign purchaser, aware of the distress, obtained most of our products at his own limits. The anomaly was presented, that while flour for export sold at between four and five dollars per barrel, the producer of it had to pay that amount for a day's labor of a skilled mechanic. Cotton constituted an exception to the general slaughter, as the combination to keep up its price embraced bankers, planters, brokers, merchants and speculators of strength, and it fell with less severity.

The policy which governed the Treasury at this time is fully explained in Mr. BOUTWELL'S report, presented to Congress in December. We published last week some extracts from it, showing that the Secretary did not then contemplate specie payments. On the contrary, he stated that such a resort would be unwise at the time, and that it could be accomplished only by diminishing the volume of the paper currency; and authority was asked to redeem at the rate of two millions of dollars per month, on the ground that it should be done without derangement, and so gradually that specie payments would become "easy and unavoidable." It must, therefore, have been supposed at Washington that our paper issues were redundant, and that, although gold might be temporarily lowered to the price of the five-twenties, our legal tenders—now extensively hoarded—would, added to our other paper issues, carry up prices to the level which their abundance prescribes. The apparent enigma of the scarcity of legal tenders confuses even the experienced. Some account for it by the supposed immense growth of the country, and the consequent diffusion of greenbacks. Others speak of the improved credit of our bonds, and the consequent improvement in the value of the greenback,—as if that would produce scarcity. All merchants in active connection with the South know from daily experience up to a late period that large amounts of legal tenders have been remitted to the South, that they became distributed among planters who are unprovided with safes, and that, as they used to bury gold, they now hoard greenbacks. Besides, there is an undefined idea that the Treasury, notwithstanding the clear announcement to the contrary, has in truth intended to accomplish specie payments, and extensive hoards have been quite general. The delusion is remarkable, and can be dispelled only by time.

We cannot suppose that the Treasury was fully aware of the effect upon our whole trade and industry of its incessant pressure upon gold. To the opulence of the foreign manufacturer we have contributed by furnishing cheap cotton, grain, and petroleum. The London *Economist* proves by accurate tables that we owed price paid by the manufacturer, during the year, and within the latter part of 1869 over what was paid previously makes the difference between a profit and a loss. We have transferred to others the advantage which we enjoyed when gold was stable at about 130. Looking back upon events, it is easy to see that the policy pursued of lowering the price of gold, when that price cannot be permanent, constitutes an injury to the extent of hundreds of millions over and above the small pittance that would be saved if our debt were funded at the expected new rate of interest.

The condition of the Treasury is doubtless carefully weighed. It is now in the receipt of large payments for duties, but this arises from imports ordered when our large crops promised unusual prosperity. These imports cannot be continued except with loss. The Treasury is also in receipt of internal revenues to a large amount, but this resource must presently be diminished from the state of trade, and the reduced power of manufacturers and producers in all parts of the Union. The capacity of the Treasury to pay off the debt as it has done, and to this end to sell gold, will be impaired as the direct effect of its policy. If the gold which has been applied to the purchase of bonds had been saved as a preliminary to resumption, and the opportunity of a full treasury had been employed to lighten the burden of taxation, we should have been furnished with abundant compensation for severe suffering in the effect which these measures would have had upon our commerce and industry. We might then have proceeded to build up both upon a solid basis.

Street Transit Nuisances.

It is not perhaps so much a great and monstrous evil as an aggregation of petty evils that make horse-railroad and stage transit on Manhattan Island the nuisance it is. The fault is pretty evenly distributed between the public and the corporations,—the latter for imposing on the former, and the former for being willing to be imposed on. One may see, for example, a horse-car of the Fourth-avenue line moping along in the rear of a train of freight cars which "drags its slow length along" from the Thirty-second-street tunnel to the freight depot in Centre-street. What are heavy freight cars doing at all in the public streets in the day-time? We grant that the majority of the freight is moved at night, but all ought so to be moved, when huge cars of this sort are its conveyance. Or, at all events, it should not be moved during the chief passenger transit hours of, say, 8 to 10 A. M. and 4 to 6 P. M. Or, following down the track, the horse-car traveler may find in Centre-street one of these long freight cars obstinately stuck in the track, diagonally across the way, the horses laboring to pull it into the freight station, and the car manifesting a disposition not to be pulled in. The traveler may wait in his own car in the rear five, ten, fifteen minutes, until the contest is decided, and the huge wain pulled in, when he will again move on. Or, once more, if he is in unusual luck, one of the horses may have cast a shoe, and be hauled off for repairs at the Centre-street smithy. He naturally inquires why the farrier-work is not done at the end of the route, instead of next to the Tombs. That is a mystery which he may resolve at leisure, because the car will wait opposite the smithy until the one next following comes up, when the horse will be detached from this other for the use of the first car, the second in turn waiting for the third, and so on, until the horse-shoeing operation is complete, when on moves the whole system.

Now these trivial experiences we take from a single line, very well managed as a whole, in order not to complicate the subject, and well realizing that analogous ones of perhaps a little different order could be rehearsed from other lines, all going to establish one general rule,—namely, that the companies are careless of the time and comfort of passengers, and the passengers very patient with the companies. There is evidently no reason for the delays just alluded to, with proper dispositions for the public needs; and so it is, too, in cases in which worn-out horses are set to worrying along over routes which require strong and swift horses. We do not anticipate any immediate improvement on any of these points, but, on the contrary, we can be always supplied with abundance of proof that it could not well be otherwise; but we do expect that when steam-transit shall compete with horse-power, it will be found that many improvements, now pronounced impracticable will be suddenly found feasible and necessary.

Albany Legislators and the Charter.

Under a pressure which overcame all resistance, the so-called "Tweed Charter" passed the Assembly yesterday, by a vote of 115 to 5. So sudden a withdrawal of the opposition of the O'Brien Democracy, after their fierce protestations and bluster, seems ludicrous in the extreme. We confess that we were also somewhat surprised at the unanimity of the Republican members in its favor, and assume that they had good reason for their action. In fact, we have been assured by prominent and shrewd Republican politicians who ought to understand the matter, that the new charter is, under the circumstances, far less objectionable than they had any reason to expect, and that if put in operation in the manner proposed, the tax-payers and order-loving citizens will have every reason to be satisfied. Whether experience will justify this anticipation remains to be seen. It seems, however, that every member of the Assembly, with the exception of five, was satisfied. Such unanimity is as assuring as it is remarkable.

The bill now goes to the Senate, and, judging from the action of the House, there is little doubt of its speedy passage there. It seems to be a foregone conclusion that it will become a law; still, despite that fact, Republican Senators should by no means regard themselves as absolved from the closest scrutiny of the bill, and the exaction of guarantees in respect to the surrender of the several departments. The bill, as it now stands, does not relieve the Senate of responsibility, nor absolve them from responsibility. The bill has a plausible look, especially when interpreted in the light of the assurances which accompany it. Properly administered, it may be made most acceptable and salutary, but unfortunately it is the most difficult thing in the world to frame any instrument so that it shall not be the means of maladministration by bad men. The choice election is wherein lies the people's safety. With them rests the responsibility. The new charter is, doubtless, an experiment. It is impossible that it should be otherwise. Inasmuch as its enactment seems inevitable, we must make the best of it, in a spirit of prayerful resignation mingled with a modicum of faith.

Crowning the Edifice.

At last the goal is reached, and the political struggle of a century is happily ended. With the official announcement by President GRANT of the formal ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, American Civilization is regenerated and disenthralled, and American republicanism purged of its ancient anomaly. The nation no longer stands before the world in an attitude of stultification. Ten years ago the bondage of four millions of blacks was a silent but overwhelming protest to the world and to God against the bitter mockery of our boasted freedom; today all are free and equal before the law, and citizens alike. Nearly a century has elapsed since the great struggle for civil and religious liberty on this continent was inaugurated with the blood of the negro ATTUCKS in the streets of Boston, and it has not finally ended till now.

Standing today confronted with the proclamation of the nation's tardy concession of justice, we look back with wonder and amazement upon the desperate resistance which has been encountered and overcome and at the wicked infatuation which has so long postponed the victory. Standing in the bright light of accomplishment, and looking back upon the pathway of the nation, we can scarcely realize the difficulties encountered by the founders of the Government, the fierce animosities engendered by the Missouri compromise, the bitter strifes over the Fugitive Slave law, the sectional contest which attended the admission of Kansas, and the political convulsions which marked the Administrations of PIERCE and BUCHANAN.

Yet all these were but the preludes of our national regeneration—the preparation for the fearful ordeal of fire and blood through which we were to pass. Whether that ordeal of war was a national discipline or a national atonement, we will not now presume to say; but the very suggestion involuntarily brings to mind the solemn and prophetic words of LINCOLN: "Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondmen's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid with another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

The announcement now made that by our organic law "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude," is the final crowning of the edifice of American republicanism, and the perfect fruit of our great national labor. Long expectation, and the gradual dawning of success, as State after State put the seal of its approval upon the proposed amendment, may have dulled the edge of our appreciation, and possibly cooled the ardor of our enthusiasm over the final accomplishment; but still the realization has lost none of its grandeur, or of its substantial fruit. In the annals of our time, as they will be read hereafter, it will stand out boldly as the most prominent monument of our progress.

We regard it as an assertion of principle which perfects our political fabric, which italicizes every word of the Declaration of Independence, and which harmonizes our Constitution with the highest civilization to which we may aspire. As such it should be accepted by every true citizen, and leaving the past behind us, with all its sad memories, its animosities, and its tribulations, we should press forward to the future, and grapple with its requirements with a spirit as exalted as the assured destiny which lies behind it, harmoniously greeting each other and the world by the "All hail, hereafter."

The able, temperate, and thoroughly judicial address of the American Consul at Yokohama, on the sinking of the *Oneida*, will be found in another column. It presents the united facts in a short compass, and will, perhaps, be the most difficult statement to answer by the English Press yet made public. The *Pall Mall Gazette* has "pooh poohed" the whole "affair"—will it now tell us what it would have said if an American steamer had served an English frigate as EVES treated the *Oneida*? Would it have referred to it as a very fine example of "Yankee insolence"—or not?

The death of Gen. THOMAS puts a new face on that feature of the various Army bills which contemplates that vacancies in the grade of General or Lieutenant-General shall not be filled again, and that the grades themselves shall lapse with the present occupants. It has long been felt that there was one man, at least, for whom neither rank would be too high, whether as estimated by his past services or by his capacity to discharge its professional duties. The remote possibility of conferring these successive ranks on Gen. THOMAS, in the process of time, should he live to enjoy them, has, we think, restrained more than one advocate of army economy from supporting a measure to prospectively abolish the grade. It so proved last year, when the subject came up in Congress, and it seems likely to so prove again. The death of Gen. THOMAS before reaching grades he would have filled so well, will [illegible] above them from responsibility. The bill has a plausible look, especially when interpreted in the light of the assurances which accompany it. Properly administered, it may be made most acceptable and salutary, but unfortunately it is the most difficult thing in the world to frame any instrument so that it shall not be the means of maladministration by bad men. The choice election is wherein lies the people's safety. With them rests the responsibility. The new charter is, doubtless, an experiment. It is impossible that it should be otherwise. Inasmuch as its enactment seems inevitable, we must make the best of it, in a spirit of prayerful resignation mingled with a modicum of faith.

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Mr. THURMAN has sent out a circular inviting people to forward their names to him as supporters of the "women's enfranchisement" movement. He promises all who respond to him favorably that the "day will come when their children and children's children will be proud of the record." How Mr. THURMAN can be sure of this, he does not explain, but the poet WHITTIER has sent him a letter in which he says: "I have very small faith in my ability to settle, or help settle such differences. * * * I do not think I ought to send my name at random into what is to me altogether mysterious." This letter is called by the *Independent* "characteristic." It is certainly characteristic of a sensible man, and all persons who also possess common sense will share Mr. WHITTIER'S reluctance to send their names at random into what is altogether mysterious.

Some time ago Mr. SETH GREEN and other fish-farmers gave us the cheerful assurance of certain wonderful harvests to be gathered from the spawn sown in the streams of the country; but we do not see that river fishes are any cheaper or more plenty than before; and just now Mr. FURMAN, of Maspeth, Queens County, comes out to explain why Mr. GREEN and the rest have not done much good and could not do it. He says the artificial way of compelling the discharge of eggs produces millions of unripe and worthless ones, and he proposes that fishes shall be left to themselves in depositing them, and that the spawn-beds shall be protected from sun-light by shanties, and by weirs against frogs and other enemies. His arguments seem reasonable enough; we have so little that nature should be allowed to follow its own laws in the business as much as possible.

The idea of war enters largely into the programme of modern progress, even in the case of England, who seems to be imitating the policy of Prussia and the other military monarchies in looking to the order of her camps. The London *Broad Arrow* states that changes are to be made in the management of the army, and that the seven recruiting districts of the United Kingdom will be increased to fourteen, under the heading of the most considerable cities, such as London, Edinburgh, Dublin, York, &c., while the inspectors of the reserved forces will be inspectors on the staff of the regular army. War is, in fact, becoming more of a Government science than ever, and the soldiers, instead of being the "offscouring of society"—as the Duke of WELLINGTON sometimes termed his own Peninsulars—are to be mentally and physically educated to their business in a variety of ways. The British lion does not seem just yet prepared to lie down with the lamb.

We should judge from the story of the Detroit correspondent of the Chicago *Republican*, that the former city must be a delightful residence, a very haven of rest, or elysium, for people who do not care to work for a living. This authority tells us that a Democratic "director of the poor" in Detroit, has been "directing" the public funds with much success, that he alone had given "orders for assistance" in the single month of February to 6,481 persons—" 303 per day, thirty an hour for ten hours, or one every two minutes." It is further revealed to the Democratic Common Council that their brother Democrat had supplied one in every nine of the population out of the public treasury. Upon the whole, and considering that it is on a small scale, this profuse liberality with other peoples' funds, rather goes ahead of Tammany. It is a kind of consolation to know that Democracy in Detroit is a sharp rival of Democracy in Manhattan—but we nevertheless pity Detroit.]

The tribute that SHERMAN pays to THOMAS in his recent order, is that of a great soldier to a great soldier, worthy alike of the man that penned it and the comrade of whom it is so generous and affectionate a memorial. "The very impersonation of honesty, integrity and honor," says SHERMAN, "he will stand to us as the beau idéal of the soldier and the gentleman." And, again he says, touching the key-note of soldierly eulogium, "whatever he earned of rank and honor were his own, and no one disputed his fame." And, finally, he strikes a chord that will echo the country over, when he adds, "Though he leaves no child to bear his name, the old Army of the Cumberland, numbered by tens of thousands, called him father, and will weep for him in tears of manly grief." It is the tender and true praise of a brother-soldier, eloquent in its sincere simplicity.

Before the warm weather comes upon us is it impossible to make arrangements for the opening of two or three free bathing establishments? Boston long ago set us the example, but we have hitherto contented ourselves with talking about the grand things we intend to do at a future day. If the "Ring" and their friends had only given a very small fraction of their gains toward the establishment of public baths, no city in the world would be better provided for in that respect than we should be now. The poor boys in the town—to say nothing of the dirty men—would be able to refresh themselves with a good wash once a day or so, and thus promote the public health by diminishing the quantity of dirt in our midst.

The question is often asked why we have no Hansom-cabs, since it is well known that the act to incorporate a Hansom-cab Company was passed by the State Legislature last May. Certain recent proceedings before Judge CARDOZO give us some light on the subject. By these it appears that, although the capital stock was to be $250,000 in shares of fifty dollars each, not one-twentieth of that sum has yet been paid in. The act of incorporation calls for one hundred thousand dollars subscribed and twenty-four per cent. paid in before business can be begun; and as the stockholders and commissioners to receive subscriptions appear to be at loggerheads, we must possess our souls with patience and wait a little longer for the cabs.

Mr. FORSTER, M. P., has fallen into another serious error in regard to educational affairs in this country. In a debate in the House of Commons on March 14, he touched upon the question of excluding the Bible from schools. He said: "There are countries in which the Bible is excluded. I believe it is excluded in America, at the present moment." A mistake like this would not be very surprising if it proceeded from an ordinary member of Parliament, but Mr. FORSTER is supposed to be thoroughly well acquainted with American affairs, and he is what may be called "Minister of Education" in England. There is no part of the United States, we may inform Mr. FORSTER, in which the Bible is excluded from the schools. The attempt was made to prohibit the reading of it in Cincinnati, [illegible]

An anecdote resembling an illustrative of the cordial estimation in which President LINCOLN held the heroism and skill of Gen. THOMAS. A middlemen's private correspondent of the Freedom, dating from New-York, propounded by telegraph in September, 1863, after Chickamauga, the inquiry how long the Government was to be at the mercy of Southern-born Generals like THOMAS. The President went in person to the military telegraph at Washington, with his dispatch in his hand, to the purport that modern history recorded no such achievement in war as the successful conduct of THOMAS in retrieving the disaster at Chickamauga. The Center of the Military Telegraph suggested to the President not to give so much importance to an obscure, if not wholly anonymous, correspondent as to reply to his importunities. And, on reflection, he was decided to take this advice. But the autograph dispatch was left in the telegraph office, and was subsequently, after the death of LINCOLN, handed to Gen. THOMAS, and is now probably in the possession of his family.

Mr. CHARLES DICKENS has retired from the field as a public reader, and ostensibly forever. We do not mean to imply that when Mr. DICKENS declared at St. James' Hall, London, on the evening of the 15th of March, that he should never read in public again, he did not fully mean what he said. But the creator of CRUMMLES and Jingle is a born actor, and we know how very strong with that class is the temptation to forget the pledges of positively last appearances and to return to the field where they once labored and were happy. For fifteen years has Mr. DICKENS been a public reader, and although he told his last audience that "from those garish lights he vanished now forevermore," the force of habit may prove over strong for his resolution. Perhaps, however, that part of the world which delights in readings may profit by the avowal of it, since Mr. ANTHONY TROLLOPE or Mr. CHARLES READE—both of whom have contemplated such a thing—may be induced to fill the niche which is thus vacated.

An able article on the "American Doctrine of Neutrality," which appears in *Fulcom's Magazine* for April, has attracted much attention, and will probably give rise to some discussion abroad. The "guessers" have been at work, and ascribe the essay to Mr. PARKE GODWIN—with the success which usually attends their efforts. The actual author is Major J. M. BUNDY, of the *Seventy Nail*, and it is only fair to correct the misstatement which has gone abroad. *Fulcoms* get earned—Mr. GODWIN has sufficient honors of his own to render it quite superfluous to bestow upon him those which belong to another. And now, will the "guessers" retire from the field, or justify their occupation by putting the cap on the proper head once a year or so?

Mr. TRUMBULL'S new bill for the encouragement and protection of dramatic compositions was brought into the Senate, twice read, and referred to the Committee on the Library on March 24. It provides for the protection of authors for ten years from the time of the record in the Clerk's office of the District Court, a printed copy of the title-page being deposited, as with other copyrighted publications. Any manager or other person violating the copyright is liable to suit for damages with costs, and the damages are to be assessed in all cases at not less than one hundred dollars for the first illegal infringement and fifty dollars for each subsequent act. The offender is further declared guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject not only to additional fine but to imprisonment. Still further, the mere act of copying, even without actual representation, is affirmed to constitute the offense. Now, let the crushed geniuses and others who pant for the chance to regenerate the stage, and lay the foundations of a national dramatic literature, sharpen their quills and fall to work. For if this bill passes they certainly cannot complain of the lack of adequate protection for their labor.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

ENGLISH OPERA—THE BLACK DOMINO.

ANNA THILLON gave great popularity, some years ago, in this country, to "Le Domino Noir," as well as to "Les Diamans de la Couronne," and others of AUBER'S bright and fluent comic operas, and they have always retained the hold which, for most of us, they then gained on first acquaintance. AUBER wrote for Paris, and the taste of Paris in his day was very like the taste of New-York in ours. Dashing melody and plenty of it, concerted pieces with plenty of showy ornaments, inversions and repetitions, a spice, when possible, of military effect, or, lacking that, of rattling dance music, are sure to please New-Yorkers as they once captivated Paris—and still do in most cases—especially when a remarkably stylish and fascinating woman sings the principal part. Miss ROSE HERSEE says that she is a blonde instead of a brunette, and is still more *petite*, reminds one not a little of Mme. THILLON, and the resemblance, with old opera goers at least, is of service to her. She sings Angela with buoyancy, tenderness and precision, and her execution is at times better than we have previously heard it. In the trio and duet of the first act Miss HERSEE'S delicate voice was displayed to excellent purpose, and showed itself quite equal to exigencies that demand flexibility and sweetness rather than physical power. Mrs. SHOUPE is joyous and zealous as usual, to please in Brigette, and with her beauty, good singing and spirit-ness, added greatly in keeping the audience in good humor. Mr. CASTLE is languid and ineffective as Horace. His neat tenore, his dramatic capacity is limited—but his vocal efforts in the character are unexceptionable, so that he may be forgiven for other shortcomings. The minor parts and the chorus of the occasion were satisfactory, and the opera might well bear repetition. The "Black Domino" was preceded, last night by a spirited performance of the first act of "Il Trovatore," wherein Mme. PAREPA-ROSA, Mr. LAWRENCE and Mr. CASTLE covered themselves with honor, and, for their pains, were called forward with loud acclamations at the fall of the curtain. To-night the English Opera Troupe appear in Brooklyn in the "Marriage of Figaro;" on Friday there will be a performance of "Oberon" at the New-York Academy, and the final representation of the company will be given at the same house, in the "Bohemian Girl," for a matinée on Saturday.

Theatrical.

"FROU FROU" AT THE FIFTH-AVENUE THEATER.

We once more remind the reader that the one performance of the original version of SARDOU'S "Frou Frou," occurs at the French Theater this evening. MM. MORNAU, EDGARD and JUNGNER, and Mme. MORNAU, who are to act the piece, interpreted it on Monday and Tuesday in Philadelphia, with decided success. The Philadelphia newspapers, referring to their entertainment, admit that the persons who have seen "Frou Frou" only in the English version, can form but a poor idea of the finesse of the dialogue and the spirit of the acting, as it is given by French artists." To-night, local play-goers will have an opportunity of testing the justice of this verdict.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

THE SUPREME ADMINISTRATION.

[Special Telegram to The New-York Times.]

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 30, 1870.

In the Senate and House of Representatives:

It is proposed to notify the two Houses of Congress by message of the resignation by presidential action of the Secretary of State of the Military Service of a Commissioner of Internal Revenue, of the Vice Inspectors of the Fifth Revenue District of the Vice Inspectors of the Fifth District, of the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, of a part of that property for internal revenue purposes from the custody of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Pittsburgh, A. Memorial which bears the signature of each man, woman and child in the United States, and the United States Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

At the Exchange yesterday E. H. Ludlow & Co. disposed of some valuable down-town property, and V. K. Stevenson & Co. sold several lots on Sixty-fourth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets. The former firm offered a number of lots running through from Carmine-street, directly opposite Varick, to Leroy-street, at a cut-up price of $40,000. The plot comprised of lots on Carmine-street, measuring about 25 feet front, and two lots on Leroy-street, with a front of 40 feet. The entire depth is nearly 100 feet. No advance was made on the price of which the property was set up, and it was knocked down to the first bidder, Mr. Hamilton, for $40,000. The same firm then sold up a valuable lot on Grand-street, between Broadway and Mercer, at $40,000, which was also struck down at the set-up price, to Levi Goldstein. One year ago the price demanded for this property was $50,000, and $60,000 was at the time refused. It is in a locality where property is valuable. Six lots on Sixty-fourth-street, near the Grand Boulevard, were sold by V. K. Stevenson, Son & Co. at $2,000 and $2,050 each, while lots on One Hundred and Twenty-sixth-street, between Sixth and Seventh Avenues, were struck down at $1,050 each.

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Offer for sale the bonds of the City of Montgomery, Ala., of which the issue bearing EIGHT PER CENT. gold interest, with coupons attached, payable in the City of New-York, amounting to $1,000 each, and $10 in proportion, are issued in exchange for the old bonds of the City, which are now in default, and are the only bonds of the City which have been issued since the Rebellion. Interest payable April and October. The new bonds are issued under the new State Constitution, which provides for the payment of the old debt, and which has been ratified by the people of the State. Full information furnished on application.

AUGUST BELMONT & CO.,
Bankers, No. 63 Wall-st., New-York, are prepared to issue Circular Letters of Credit for travelers in all parts of the world.
Also, Bills of Exchange on London, Paris and Frankfort.
Also, Bills of Exchange and Telegraphic Transfers of money on Cuba, Mexico, San Francisco, &c.

TUCKER, ANDREWS & CO.,
No. 37 WALL-ST.,
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PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD.

We offer for sale SOME
FIRST MORTGAGE
EIGHT PER CENT. BONDS
OF THE
SELMA, MARION AND MERIDIAN RAILROAD COMPANY.
Secured by one mortgage, a mortgage on the road, and by a sinking fund.
The bonds are issued upon the completed portion of the road only, and are the only bonds issued by the company. The road is completed and in operation, and the company owns no other property.
Full information with maps furnished upon application.

HENRY CLEWS & CO.,
No. 32 Wall-st.,
Bankers and Financial Agents of the Company.

SOWLES BROTHERS & CO.,
BANKERS,
Paris, No. 19 Rue de la Paix; New-York, No. 8 Wall-st.
Issue letters of credit and circular notes for travelers, available in all parts of Europe, Asia, Africa and America.

SEYMOUR, HARPER & CO.,
NO. 2 WALL-ST.,
New-York.
Issue Circular Letters of Credit for Travelers in all parts of Europe, &c. Business on Paris.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL CREDITS AVAILABLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA RAILROAD COMPANY.

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THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE [illegible] COMPANY, [illegible] will be held at the office of the Company, No. [illegible] Broadway, on MONDAY, April 14, 1873, [illegible]

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THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF THE [illegible] will be held at the office of the Company, No. [illegible] Broadway, on MONDAY, April 14, 1873, [illegible]

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THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF THE [illegible] will be held at the office of the Company, No. [illegible] Broadway, on MONDAY, April 14, 1873, [illegible]

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ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of the Company will be held at the office on TUESDAY, 8th of April next. Poll open from 10 M. to 1 P. M.

ALFRED A. REEVES, Secretary.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE [illegible] will be held at the office of the Company, No. [illegible] Broadway, on TUESDAY, 8th of April next. The poll will open at 12 o'clock M. and close at 1 o'clock P. M.

JAMES TERRANCE, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

[illegible]

DIVIDENDS.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

[illegible]

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MEDICAL.

[illegible]

PROPOSALS.

[illegible]

FURNITURE.

CABINET FURNITURE.

[illegible]

SAVINGS BANKS.

Irving Savings Institution,

[illegible]

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MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLE MANTELS,
MONUMENTS AND FLOOR TILING.
FISHER & BIRD,
NOS. 32 TO 38 EAST HOUSTON-ST.

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SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels in this service leave the Company's dock, foot of West 14th-st., North River, at 3 P. M. as follows:

LAFAYETTE.....Boileau...SATURDAY, April 2
VILLE DE PARIS.Surbled...SATURDAY, April 16
St. LAURENT.....Lemaire...SATURDAY, April 23
FRESCHE.....Poupart...SATURDAY, May 14

Rates of passage, payable in gold, (including wine,) to Brest or Havre:

TO HAVRE.—First cabin, $100; second cabin, $70.

TO PARIS, (including railway ticket,) $145 and $75.

Passengers by all early sailings purchase their tickets at Brest, going to the returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line avoid both transit by English railways and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

STEAMER LAFAYETTE FOR BREST and Havre, will leave Pier No. 50 North River, foot of Morton-st., on SATURDAY, April 2, at 3 o'clock. Passengers are requested to be on board at 2 o'clock.

GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent.

CUNARD LINE.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

China, Wed'day, M'ch 30 | Alpha, Thursday, April 14
Siberia, Thursday, M'ch 31 | Cuba, Wednesday, April 20
Java, Wednesday, April 6 | Russia, Saturday, April 23
Tarifa, Thursday, April 7 | Russia, Wednesday, April 27
Calabria, Wednesday, April 13 | Palmyra, Thursday, April 28

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the Wednesday and Saturday Steamers.
First Cabin....$120, gold. Second Cabin....$80, gold.
First Cabin, to Paris.....$145, gold.

By the Thursday Steamers.
First Cabin....$80, gold. Second Cabin....$60, currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.

Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.

For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's Office, No. 4 Bowling-green.

For steerage passage at No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building. CHAS. G. FRANCISLYN, Agent.

STEAM TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND LONDONDERRY.

THE ANCHOR LINE.

Favorite Clyde-built passenger steamers are intended to sail as follows:

CALEDONIA.....April 9 | INDIA.....April 23
COLUMBIA.....April 16 | CAMBRIA.....April 30
EUROPA.....April 16 | ANGLIA.....May 7

and each SATURDAY thereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, at 12 o'clock, noon.

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $60 and $75. Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $120 and $135. Steerage, to Glasgow, Liverpool or Derry, $30; intermediate, $35.

Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $34.

Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.

Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.

For further information apply on the steamers, foot of Day-st., or at the Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—Regular Line of Royal Mail Steamers are expected to sail as follows:

CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, April 2, 7 A. M.
CITY OF CORK, via Halifax.....Tuesday, April 5, 8 A. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, April 9, 11 A. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, April 16, 7 P. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE

BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin.....	$100	Steerage.....	$35
To London.....	105	To London.....	40
To Paris.....	115	To Paris.....	45

PASSAGE BY THE TUESDAY STEAMER, VIA HALIFAX.

FIRST CABIN.		STEERAGE.	
PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
Liverpool.....	$80	Liverpool.....	$30
Halifax.....	20	Halifax.....	15

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.

Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Office.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

FOR LIVERPOOL,
(VIA QUEENSTOWN,)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full power iron screw steamships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY, as follows:

MANHATTAN, Captain FOSTER, Mar. 30, at 3 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Captain PRICE.....April 6, at 9 A. M.
IDAHO, Captain CUTTING.....April 13, at 3 P. M.
NEVADA, Captain GREEN.....April 20, at 9½ A. M.
COLORADO, Captain WILLIAMS.....April 27, at 3 P. M.
NEBRASKA, Captain GUARD.....May 4, at 4 P. M.

Cabin passage, $80 gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30 currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 62 Wall-st.

NATIONAL LINE.
STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN, Touching First Time at Boston.

Pier No. 47 North River.
PENNSYLVANIA, Hall, Saturday, April 2, at 7 A. M.

Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $80 and $90 gold. Steerage, $30, currency.

Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry and Glasgow, $32 currency.

Apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.

Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Class.....$125 to $170. Steerage.....$60.
according to location of berth.

These rates include berths, board and all necessaries for the trip.

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,

ON 5TH AND 20TH OF EACH MONTH,

except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.

One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.

PERU, Capt. CLARK | ARIZONA, Capt. GRAY, connecting with
MONTANA, Capt. | COLORADO, Capt.

Steamer AMERICA will leave San Francisco April 20, 1870, for China and Japan.

Freight for AMOY or HONGKONG will be received until 4 P. M. on MONDAY, April 4. All usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.

For freight or passage, which will further information, apply at the office, Pier No. 42 North River.

F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.—UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 2d of every month.

MERRIMACK, Capt. WISE, April 22.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. TINKLEPAUGH, May 22.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. SLOCUM, June 22.

These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 1 Bowling-green, New-York.

FUERTA PLATA, SAMANA, SANTO DOMINGO.

THE UNITED STATES MAIL STEAM-SHIP TYBEE,
Capt. E. A. DELANOY,

Will leave for the above ports on THURSDAY, March 31, at 4 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage, apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line—Sailing every twenty days, from Pier No. 1 East River, at 12 noon. The splendid new steamers

CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. DEAKES, Saturday, April 2.
COLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIPS, Saturday, April 23.

For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 52 Broadway.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.

Atlantic Mail S.S. Co.'s steamer MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS, April 21, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.

For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHELDEN, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Sailing every SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.

MORRO CASTLE, Captain R. ADAMS, March 26.
COLUMBIA, Captain E. VAN SICE, April 7.
MISSOURI, Captain J. E. EDWARDS, April 16.

For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHELDEN, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE STEAMSHIPS AND CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PASSENGER RATES TO ALL POINTS IN THE INTERIOR.

FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK.
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.

THE STEAMSHIPS
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. CHESEBRAE,
THURSDAY, March 31, from Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 38 Liberty-st.

SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, April 2, from Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 1 Bowling-green.

WEYBOSSET, Capt. PARKER, SATURDAY, April 9, from Pier No. 19 North River, at 3 P. M.
H. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 20 West-st.

LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, April 5, from Pier No. 19 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 51 Wall-st. South-st.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to Europe or the Continent of Europe, who do their own marketing, should know that they save much time; their services are invaluable in avoiding the trouble from multiplicity of cares and involving expecting passports, commission and conveyance of baggage; in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyance to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy courier and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying at the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 9 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

SHIPPING.

FOR MOBILE,
VIA BERNARDINA ROUTE,
THE FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY WILL DISPATCH THE
FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIP
MERCEDITA,
Captain STARKS,
ON SATURDAY, April 2, 1870, Pier No. 8 North River, foot of Pine-st. Cargo received with bills-of-lading to Mobile.

Passage guaranteed at one and a half per cent. to Mobile.

Through rates and bills lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior of LOWER ALABAMA.

Freight for Mobile must be prepaid.

For freight or passage apply to
H. H. BRUNDRETH & CO., No. 117 West-st., at the Florida Railroad Office, Pier No. 8 North-st.
Mobile Agents, A. J. INGERSOLL & CO.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
(Change of Pier at No. 6 North River.)

The well-known first-class side-wheel steamship
STEINVILLE,
J. A. SCHMIDT, Commander,
Will leave Pier No. 6 North River, on SATURDAY, April 2, at 3 P. M. Freight taken at through rates for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 38 Liberty-st.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPETENT girl, as chamber-maid, or as waitress; has been accustomed to City service; from her last place, where she has lived 3½ years, she can be seen until engaged; at No. 127 West 42d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl as chamber-maid and seamstress, or as private family; is thoroughly competent, and has several years' of first-class City references. Can be seen for two days at No. 3 West 45th-st., near 5th-av.

WANTED—BY TWO RESPECTABLE GIRLS, who wish to accompany together; one can do good cooking, and will assist in the washing and ironing; the other will do chamber-work, &c., and will assist in the washing; excellent reference. Call at No. 225 5th-st., off the Bowery.

WANTED—BY A PERSON WHO UNDERstands all kinds of family sewing, cutting and fitting children's clothes, and dressmaking, a few more engagements by the day or week; is a good operator; has a Wheeler & Wilson machine, if required. Address Miss BUTHERFORD, No. 315 West 126th-st.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN (of Will to accompany her in a family or gentleman's washing; terms reasonable; will go out by the day; reference given by the lady who lived with her three years. Can be seen for two days at 318 3d-av., between 27th and 28th-sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young girl, as first-class waitress; can sew well; chamber-work; good City reference; country preferred. Can be seen until sailed at No. 49 East 11th-st., second floor, front room.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN, A situation as first-class cook; understands baking; will go out by the day; good City reference given. Call at No. 213 West 40th-st., grocery store.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as chamber-maid and waitress, or would do plain sewing; has no objections to go to the country; good City reference. Call at No. 34 West 8th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG ENGLISH WOMAN, a situation in a family as housekeeper; understands all kinds of cooking, and is an excellent baker; City references; no notice answered without stating wages. Call at No. 325 West 126th-st.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT LAUNdress, only a short time from London, England, a situation in a private family; can date said period, and neat up laces in style. Call for two days at No. 122 West 20th-st., near 6th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook; understands the business thoroughly; soups, fish, meats, poultry and game; is an excellent baker of pastry and bread; best City reference. Call at No. 234 West 27th-st., up one pair stairs.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation as chamber-maid or waitress, or to take care of children; no objection to a short distance in the country. Call for two days at No. 325 7th-av., near 28th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young woman as chamber-maid; can do all kinds of family sewing; City or country. Call for two days. Call at No. 327 West 27th-st., first floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable girl as competent waitress or as chamber-maid and to assist with washing, in a private family; best of City references if required. Call at No. 215 West 35th-st., corner 6th-av., upper door.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation as first-class waitress; would have no objection to assist with chamber-work; would do chamber-work and assist with washing; seven years' City references from last place. Call at 240 West 35th-st.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED NURSE, a situation to take charge of a baby from its birth or otherwise; grown-up children; no objection to go a short distance in the country; best of references. Call at No. 104 East 20th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant woman as first-class cook; good family baker; pastry; in a private family; no objection to go a short distance in the country; best of City references from her last place. Call at No. 326 West 42d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTestant girl, a situation as chamber-maid and waitress; City references. Call at No. 326 West 40th-st., third floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG woman to do chamber-work and sewing; can cut and fit; has the best City references. Can be seen at No. 420 6th-av., in the Emporium, one door from 26th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, a situation as chamber-maid; no objection to assist in washing and ironing; best of City references. Can be seen at No. 232 West 23d-st.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG GIRL, A SITUAtion as chamber-maid and waitress; no objection to go a short distance in the country. Call for two days at No. 124 West 35th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant woman as laundress and chamber-maid; willing to go in the country; good references. Call at No. 209 7th-av., between 21st and 22d sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS CHAMBERmaid, or to take charge of children; best of City reference from last place. Call for two days at No. 141 West 26th-st., between 6th and 7th avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GOOD COOK; thoroughly understands her business; best of City references. Call at address No. 170 3d-av., (in the store,) between 10th and 17th sts.

WANTED—BY A GERMAN PROTESTANT who speaks English, a situation as lady's maid, to travel with a lady or family to Europe; City reference. Call at No. 446 4th-av., near 30th-st., top floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG girl as chamber-maid and waitress; best of references. Call at No. 130 3d-av.

FIFTY GOOD SERVANTS, COOKS, laundresses, chamber-maids, nurses, &c., at REDDELIS, No. 149 6th-av., corner 24th-st., for places now open.

MALES.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION by a man that understands his business in all branches of raising fruit, vegetables, flowers, and laying out of places; small family of two; best reference; will be found useful. Address M. H., Box No. 205 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by a single man; is a gentleman's place by a steady, industrious man; is a careful driver and good groom; understands plain gardening, milking and the general work about a gentleman's place; best of reference. Apply or address No. 15 Court-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by a Protestant married man; has no family; has seven years' City references from his last employer; can be seen in the City; is a good groom and a careful driver; is willing and obliging. Can be seen at, or address a note to W. G., No. 31 East 22d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE MARried man, no family, a situation as farmer and plain gardener; understands the management of cows; his wife is a first-class butter-maker; the best of reference can be given. Address M., Box No. 204 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER by a man that understands his business in all branches of gardening and entire charge of a gentleman's place; laying out and drainage; married; two children; wife willing to board; is a careful, the very best reference. Address E. D., Box 20 Times Office.

WANTED—A COACHMAN WITH TEN years first-class City references, desires a situation for City or country; married, with no incumbrance. Apply at Sedg Store, No. 32 University place, for R. L.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A MARRIED man; no family; is a good vegetable or flower gardener, or coachman; is not afraid of work; good references. Address J. G., gardener, for two days, Box No. 196 Times Office.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION BY an advantageous man with twenty years' experience; can take entire charge of greenhouse, vegetables, &c. Address R. M. BORNE, No. 120 Greenwich-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and groom by a single Protestant Swiss man; perfectly understands the care and management of horses, &c.; good, careful driver; can milk; best reference. Address J. T., Box No. 204 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and groom by a respectable married man; thoroughly understands his business; has the best of City references; is to be trusted and sobriety. Call or address J. T., No. 85 East 41st-st., or Box 189 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN, (SWEDE,) A situation as waiter in a private family; has good City references and has also recommendations from United States Consulate at Stockholm. Apply No. 240 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WAITER BY a single young man in a private family; thoroughly understands his business; has no objection to the country; best of references from his last employer. Address P. G., Box No. 189 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN AMERIcan Protestant as gardener; thoroughly understands the business; country seat; wife would do house-work, or waitress. Address A. T. D., Box No. 191 Times Office.

WANTED—A COACHMAN'S SITUATION; he understands his business perfectly; has good experience; has lived with first-class families in this City; first-rate references; no incumbrance. Address for three days, J. W., Mr. Baldwin's, 702 Broadway.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPEtent man as groom; is willing to assist in the gardening and make himself generally useful; is to the country; has the best of reference. Address No. 122 West 40th-st., this week.

WANTED—BY A MIDDLE-AGED FRENCH man (single), a situation as coachman and groom; thoroughly understands his business; best City reference. Call at, or address No. 110 West 40th-st., private stable.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION by a single man; thoroughly understands greenhouse, hot and cold graperies, flowers and vegetables; best of reference. Address M. H., Box No. 219 Times Office.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION by a respectable married man; has the best testimonials; understands the management of greenhouse, graperies, &c.; several years' undoubted reference. Address GARDENER, Box No. 220 Times Office.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION by a single man; a Protestant; can take charge of greenhouse, vegetables, &c.; best of reference as to his capability. Call or address R. A., seed-store, No. 326 Broadway.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable man as coachman; understands the care of horses and carriages thoroughly; is willing to make himself useful; no objection to country; is well recommended. Apply at 74 3d-av., corner 16th-st.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN, A SITUAtion as coachman in City or country; best of City reference. Address A., Box No. 204 Times Office, for three days.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER by a married man with one child; best of City reference; is to honesty and capability. Address W. E., Box No. 200 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE man as coachman; has six years' City references from his last place. Address T. M., Box No. 24 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG man as coachman and groom; three years City references from last place. Call or address F. M., No. 54 West 19th-st.

WANTED—BY A FRENCH WAITER-MAN, well recommended, and knowing thoroughly his business, a situation in a private family. Apply on No. 405 6th-av., corner of 27th-st.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE YOUNG MAN, A situation as coachman and groom; good references; no objection to City or country. Address J. M., Box No. 160 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by a Protestant young man; wife as chambermaid and laundress; good City reference. Call or address No. 112 West 37th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE man as vegetable gardener; can milk; drive horses and make himself useful. Address F. L., Box No. 192 Times Office.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

MALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER by a German; is a thorough cook of meals; pastry, cake, ice cream, jellies, lots of all kinds; excellent baker; country or City; best testimonials. Call at No. 120 4th-av., New No. 78.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED PROTestant young woman, a situation as first-class nurse, or as chamber-maid; is a good sewer; has all other situation in the best manner; City or country; best testimonials. Call at 202 4th-av., now No. 208.

WANTED—A LAUNDRESS' SITUATION BY a thoroughly competent laundress; can do French dainty work; is perfectly in the best manner; or as chamber-maid and laundress; is to do fine washing. Call at No. 229 4th-av., now No. 207.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A NEAT young woman as chamber-maid and seamstress; can do all kinds of family sewing; City or country. Call for two days. Call at No. 327 West 27th-st., first floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable girl as competent waitress or as chamber-maid and to assist with washing, in a private family; best of City reference if required. Call at No. 215 West 35th-st., corner 6th-av., upper door.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation as first-class waitress; would have no objection to assist with chamber-work; would do chamber-work and assist with washing; seven years' City references from last place. Call at 240 West 35th-st.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED NURSE, a situation to take charge of a baby from its birth or otherwise; grown-up children; no objection to go a short distance in the country; best of references. Call at No. 104 East 20th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant woman as first-class cook; good family baker; pastry; in a private family; no objection to go a short distance in the country; best of City references from her last place. Call at No. 326 West 42d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTestant girl, a situation as chamber-maid and waitress; City reference. Call at No. 326 West 40th-st., third floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG woman to do chamber-work and sewing; can cut and fit; has the best City references. Can be seen at No. 420 6th-av., in the Emporium, one door from 26th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, a situation as chamber-maid; no objection to assist in washing and ironing; best of City reference. Can be seen at No. 232 West 23d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG GIRL, A SITUATION as chamber-maid and waitress; no objection to go a short distance in the country. Call for two days at No. 124 West 35th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant woman as laundress and chamber-maid; willing to go in the country; good references. Call at No. 209 7th-av., between 21st and 22d sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS CHAMBERmaid, or to take care of children; best of City reference from last place. Call for two days at No. 141 West 26th-st., between 6th and 7th avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GOOD COOK; thoroughly understands her business; best of City references. Call at address No. 170 3d-av., (in the store,) between 10th and 17th sts.

WANTED—BY A GERMAN PROTESTANT who speaks English, a situation as lady's maid, to travel with a lady or family to Europe; City reference. Call at No. 446 4th-av., near 30th-st., top floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG girl as chamber-maid and waitress; best of references. Call at No. 130 3d-av.

FIFTY GOOD SERVANTS, COOKS, laundresses, chamber-maids, nurses, &c., at REDDELIS, No. 149 6th-av., corner 24th-st., for places now open.

MALES.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION by a man that understands his business in all branches of raising fruit, vegetables, flowers, and laying out of places; small family of two; best reference; will be found useful. Address M. H., Box No. 205 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by a single man; is a gentleman's place by a steady, industrious man; is a careful driver and good groom; understands plain gardening, milking and the general work about a gentleman's place; best of reference. Apply or address No. 15 Court-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by a Protestant married man; has no family; has seven years' City references from his last employer; can be seen in the City; is a good groom and a careful driver; is willing and obliging. Can be seen at, or address a note to W. G., No. 31 East 22d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE MARried man, no family, a situation as farmer and plain gardener; understands the management of cows; his wife is a first-class butter-maker; the best of reference can be given. Address M., Box No. 204 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER by a man that understands his business in all branches of gardening and entire charge of a gentleman's place; laying out and drainage; married; two children; wife willing to board; is a careful, the very best reference. Address E. D., Box 20 Times Office.

WANTED—A COACHMAN WITH TEN years first-class City references, desires a situation for City or country; married, with no incumbrance. Apply at Sedg Store, No. 32 University place, for R. L.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A MARRIED man; no family; is a good vegetable or flower gardener, or coachman; is not afraid of work; good references. Address J. G., gardener, for two days, Box No. 196 Times Office.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION BY an advantageous man with twenty years' experience; can take entire charge of greenhouse, vegetables, &c. Address R. M. BORNE, No. 120 Greenwich-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and groom by a single Protestant Swiss man; perfectly understands the care and management of horses, &c.; good, careful driver; can milk; best reference. Address J. T., Box No. 204 Times Office.

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WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by a single man of long experience; understands his and old gardening; can milk, wash carriages, and lay out of roads; good groom; wife to take charge of dairy and poultry. Address for one week, WILLIAM BROWN, Grand Landing.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable married man, without family, as gardener and gamekeeper; has good knowledge of game; is perfectly qualified; is a sober, industrious man; best of references; satisfactory reference from present employer. Address E. C., Box No. 19 Times Office.

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BOARDING AND LODGING.

NEW AND STYLE OF HOUSE OF BROAD-way and 27th-st.—Will be opened the first of August, a number of rooms, furnished and unfurnished, suitable for families or gentlemen; also, a few rooms for a club; terms very low; reference required; no moving in May.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET, NO extra charge, to gentlemen only, at 30 Washington-square; rooms also suitable for a club; reference required; no moving in May.

No. 44 WEST 23D-ST.—A PARLOR AND bedroom, with use of floor; and other desirable rooms; to let, with or without board; refreshments extra.

No. 334 EAST 19TH-ST.—A FINE suite of rooms on second floor, suitable for society or gentlemen; a gentleman's family; with or without board; location pleasant; no moving.

No. 58 WEST WASHINGTON-PLACE.—Two single gentlemen can obtain board and lodging; room for 2; or one room, extra, in a private family.

No. 324 EAST 17TH-ST.—A FINE suite of rooms on second floor, suitable for a party of gentlemen or a gentleman and wife; with or without board; location delightful; no moving.

No. 220 WEST 34TH-ST.—TO RENT, A large, sunny, second floor front room, with or without board; location pleasant; good and comfortable home; terms very low; no moving in May.

FIFTH-AVENUE, OPPOSITE REPSERVOIR.—Rooms, unfurnished, suitable for gentlemen; or private table, in the first-class house, No. 16 5th-av. Reference required.

NO. 12 EAST 28TH-ST., BETWEEN 5th and Madison-aves, to let, a few rooms for family, rooms and apartments; French board, with private table, if desired; references exchanged.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET.—TO single gentlemen, in private family, at No. 45 East 22d-st., between Broadway and 4th-av.

BOARD AND ROOMS, FURNISHED AND unfurnished, can be obtained by applying at No. 25 Bleecker-st., near Broadway; location and table first-class.

TO RENT—ONE OR TWO ROOMS, WITH board, to a gentleman; references exchanged. Apply at No. 23 West 11th-st.

NO. 41 EAST 21ST-ST.—A GOOD

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 20.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN, the Senate insisted upon its non-concurrence in the House amendments to the bill amending the Usury laws in the District of Columbia. Messrs. HAMLIN, THURMAN and HARRIS were appointed to represent the Senate on the Committee of Conference.

BILLS PASSED.

Mr. WILSON called up the bill to provide for a building for a Post-office and other public offices at Montgomery, Ala., which was passed.

Mr. RICE called up the bill to provide for a building suitable for a Post-office, &c., at Little Rock, Ark., which was passed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. SUMNER introduced a bill to amend the act to incorporate the Freedmen's Saving and Trust Company, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. SUMNER introduced a bill fixing the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November as the day upon which representatives and delegates to Congress shall be elected throughout the country. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. ROSS introduced a bill to incorporate the Indian Territory, Gulf and Pacific Railroad Company, and to enable the same to construct certain railroads and branches so as to give transit by rail through that territory on equal terms to railroads reaching its borders. Referred to the Committee on Pacific Railroads. Also a bill directing the Secretary of the Interior to examine and report to Congress what amount of money, provisions, stock and other property is due to the Shawnee tribe of Indians by virtue of treaties prior to May 10, 1854. Referred.

Mr. HAMLIN introduced a bill to establish a Police Court in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. Referred.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. HOWARD, from the Committee on Territories, reported adversely the bill to incorporate the United States Freehold Land and Emigration Company, and to confirm certain legislation in Colorado Territory.

Mr. TRUMBULL, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill relating to the United States Circuit Court for the District of Missouri, amended so make it a general bill by providing that nothing in the act approved April 10, 1869, shall be construed to require a Circuit Court to be held in any district where not held under existing law.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Mr. STEWART called up the concurrent resolution for the appointment of a Joint Special Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. A. G. THURMAN opposed the resolution upon general grounds and particularly because he thought he saw in the proposition a disposition to make our Indian policy subservient to certain railroad companies which coveted the possession of the public domain. He thought he saw in it a great land trafficing scheme from beginning to end, which would result in the violation of existing Indian treaties.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, believed there were no questions deserving of more thorough scrutiny than those concerning Indian affairs and he preferred to have them reviewed by an independent committee of the Senate. He said it frequently happened that bills which had passed the House were shown to be so worthless upon investigation by a committee of the Senate, that any idea of their being passed would be preposterous.

Mr. CONKLING spoke of the necessity of carrying out our treaty stipulations as a means of preventing Indian wars, and thought that the agency of a joint committee might prove effective to that end.

Mr. DRAKE moved to amend by striking out the authority of the Committee to examine witnesses and send for persons and papers, which, he said, would avoid an expenditure amounting to not less than $20,000.

The morning hour having expired, the subject was laid aside and the case of Gen. AMES came up in order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. SUMNER moved to proceed to the consideration of executive business, and after a discussion with reference to the necessity of disposing of Gen. AMES' case today, the motion was agreed to and at 1:10 o'clock the doors were closed. At 4:40 o'clock the doors were reopened and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE DEATH OF GEN. THOMAS.

Immediately after the reading of the journal Mr. RANDALL offered concurrent resolutions declaring that the Senate and House of Representatives have heard with deep regret of the sudden decease of Major-Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS, who was endeared to the country by a series of unbroken patriotic services during a period of thirty years; that his distinguished career in the defence of the country against foreign and domestic enemies, his never faltering faith and zeal in the maintenance of the Union and the integrity of the Government, and his entire execution of every trust confided to him, constituted a record of services made memorable in death; and authorizing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to make such arrangements in connection with his obsequies as will test the sympathy of Congress in this national bereavement.

Mr. RANDALL remarked that having in the early part of the war served as a non-commissioned officer under Gen. THOMAS, he had felt it his duty to offer the resolutions. No words of his could add lustre to Gen. THOMAS' record of heroic deeds which were inseparably interwoven in the history of the country.

The question was taken, and the Speaker announced the resolutions as having been adopted unanimously.

THE TEXAS BILL.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, from the Reconstruction Committee, reported back the Senate amendment to the bill admitting the State of Texas to representation in the Union, with a recommendation that the amendment be concurred in.

The amendment is to strike out the proviso that nothing in the bill shall affect the question of which Texas was originally annexed to the Union.

Mr. BUTLER explained the amendment, showing that the construction put upon the proviso in the Senate was that as one of the original conditions was that Texas might be divided into four States in which slavery should exist, it would re-establish slavery there. He protested against that construction. If the bill contained a direct proviso establishing slavery in Texas, it would be simply void and of no effect. How could any man in his senses come to the conclusion that a proviso in a bill saying that nothing in it would affect such a question, would establish slavery which was prohibited by the Constitution? He was not surprised, after such an opinion being given by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the Senate, that the consideration of the Texas question had been taken away from that Committee.

Mr. WOOD, a member of the Reconstruction Committee, expressed his surprise at the facility with which the gentleman from Massachusetts changed his position. That gentleman had deemed the proviso of such importance that he had drawn it with his own hands and presented it to the Reconstruction Committee, where it was agreed to without a dissenting voice. For himself, he adhered to the opinion which he then had, that the proviso was a matter of grave importance and ought to be retained in the bill.

Mr. RAINEY, another member of the Reconstruction Committee, repudiated the absurd construction put upon the proviso in the other end of the Capitol. He was willing, however, to have the proviso struck out, believing that the law would not be affected whether it was in or out.

Mr. E. BROOKS, of New-York, remarked that there were three guarantees given to Texas in the original Annexation bill, and he asked Mr. BUTLER whether those three guarantees, except of course as to slavery, would stand in the new compact?

Mr. BUTLER gave it as his opinion that the striking out of the proviso would not alter or affect in any way the original guarantees.

Mr. BROOKS said he was glad to hear that, and suggested the propriety of non-concurring in the Senate amendment and having a Committee of Conference.

Mr. BUTLER did not concur in that suggestion, as the matter really was of too little importance, and as Texas was waiting for admission to representation. The idea of reviving slavery under the proviso he regarded as too preposterous to find a lodgment in this side of the Capitol. The proviso had only been suggested by him as a matter of extreme caution, lest it might be said the bill affected in any way the rights of private citizens in Texas under these guarantees, as to the public lands, the debt, &c.

Mr. WILKES inquired of Mr. BUTLER whether Texas having, by rebellion, forfeited all her privileges, could now come in with the original conditions.

Mr. BUTLER regarded that as a judicial question, not a legislative one, and this bill did not affect it in one way or another.

Mr. LAWRENCE, another member of the Reconstruction Committee, argued that the proviso was totally unnecessary inasmuch as there was nothing in the bill which, in terms or by implication, proposed to take away any of the rights of Texas as guaranteed under the original resolution of Annexation. The immediate annexation of Texas was desirable in order that the proclamation announcing the adoption of the Fifteenth Constitutional Amendment might be immediately announced.

The Senate amendment was concurred in—yeas 133, nays 50, a party vote.

BILLS REPORTED.

Mr. PAINE, from the Committee on Reconstruction, reported back the Senate bill removing the political disabilities from HENRY B. HANNEGEGER and NICHOLAS K. PROUT, of Virginia, with an amendment inserting the additional name of J. W. WARE, of Clark County, Va., was agreed to and the bill as amended was passed.

Mr. HOAR, from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported a bill to establish a system of National Education. He said it was only intended for States that refuse to establish a system of public education. He then asked the House to postpone the second Tuesday of December next for its consideration. After a brief discussion the bill was so postponed.

Mr. ARNELL, from the same Committee, reported a bill to allow the School Trustees of Arkansas to enter lands for school purposes under the Homestead law, allowing them to take in, lieu and approve forty acres for each school.

On motion of Mr. JULIAN the bill was sent to the Speaker's table.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

Mr. ARNELL also reported, from the same Committee, a bill providing that the office of education in the Department of the Interior shall be hereafter named the Bureau of Education, and that all unexpended funds in the Treasury of the United States to the account of the Freedmen's Bureau for the education and support of refugees and freedmen, shall be transferred to the account of the Bureau of Education, having special reference to aid in the establishment and usefulness of common schools for freedmen. It also transfers to the War Department the other duties of the Freedmen's Bureau, thus discontinuing that Bureau altogether.

Mr. ARNELL, in explaining the bill, eulogized the Freedmen's Bureau, its chief General, O. O. HOWARD, and Mr. BLAIR, of Massachusetts, who had introduced and was the father of the Freedmen's Bureau bill.

Mr. MCNEELY, as a member of the minority, desired to offer a substitute abolishing the Freedmen's Bureau, turning over all its funds to the Treasury, transferring the buildings of the Bureau to the several States wherein they are situated, and providing for all claims and claimants of the Bureau under the supervision of the Secretary of War, and directing a final settlement of the accounts of the Bureau within one month.

Mr. ARNELL declined to permit the substitute to be offered, and demanded the previous question.

Mr. WALKER protested against action on the bill without an opportunity to discuss or amend it.

The morning hour expired, and the bill went over until the next morning.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. MOORELL, of Pennsylvania—To amend the Patent laws.

By Mr. SLOCUM—To amend the Internal Revenue laws; also the memorial of the New-York Chamber of Commerce on the bill to institute meteorological observations at military stations, and to give notice of the approach and force of storms, and a memorial from Commander Sicard, of the navy.

By Mr. CLEVELAND—A joint resolution for the Secretary of the Treasury to accept the gift of the statue of Benjamin Franklin from the citizens of Paris, and to place the same in the Department of State.

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